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FIFTY YEARS IN BROOKLYN

1853-1903

A good history of a period should: (1) Marshal essential facts; (2) suggest a clew which orders these facts into a unity; (3) portray the dominant personalities; (4) stir one's productive imagination so he will be able and compelled to complete the picture; (5) enable one to realize the condition of the period.—FRANK K. SANDERS, Dean Yale Divinity School



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Brooklyn in 1853

BROOKLYN FIFTY YEARS AGO



At a dinner held in the Union League Club, Brooklyn, November 23d, 1903, a number of gentlemen, familiar with the Brooklyn of 1853 to 1863, were requested to indicate in a sentence or two their most vivid impressions of the Brooklyn of that period. The following is the record of their observations:

"My first recollection of Plymouth Church is 1840-50, when my father took me, a boy of fourteen, over to the wooden tabernacle, temporarily occupied after the fire. The bare wooden walls, the benches for pews, the great congregation, the crowded aisles, the strange unconventional preacher, the like of whom I have never before heard, left an indelible impression on my memory, which, though faded, still abides."—LYMAN ARBORELL.

"My first thoughts of Brooklyn in 1853 centre around the Church of the Pilgrims, and the Rev. R. S. Storrs, Jr. The Church represented all that is best in New England thought and life, and Mr. Storrs himself was a true son and noble representative of the best type of the New England clergyman."—D. WILLIS JAMES.

"In 1853 there were but four banks in Brooklyn—the Brooklyn Bank on Front Street, near Fulton, the Long Island and Atlantic Banks on Fulton Street, opposite Hicks, and the City Bank on Atlantic Street. Nearly all the business stores were below the City Hall."—JOHN A. NIXSEN.

"Memory, somewhat imperfect, recalls an unimproved grove stretching from (or somewhat near) Joralemon to Middagh Street, with many large and smaller trees. From it a beautiful view of the harbor and environments (which should have been retained by the city—a remnant is now seen), in front of the Low, White and Pierrepont residences. The City Hall, almost, or quite in the suburbs; two large frame colonial residences, with improved lawns, trees, shrubbery, etc., occupying squares, one at Fulton, Tillary, Washington and Johnson Streets; the other at Fulton, Smith, Willoughby and Lawrence Streets, the latter called the 'Willoughby Mansion.' Two old Dutch farm houses, with gable roofs and bulls' eyes in the front doors, in Fulton, below the junction of Flatbush Avenue. Two country roads: Flatbush and King's Highway, the latter now Fifth Avenue. The territory between—now open farms, Prospect Park and Reservoir Hill; then, wild woods."—LEONARD BLAKE.

"Fulton Street, from Smith to Hoyt, now so brilliantly illuminated every night, and where so many men delight to linger evenings, was not frequented much in those days after dark; it was a graveyard down there. On Sands Street, between Washington and Fulton, now gridironed with car tracks above and below, a congested and unsightly thoroughfare, there stood on the south side the old Sands Street Methodist Episcopal Church, the cradle of Methodism in Brooklyn and Long Island, and on the opposite side the old St. Ann's Protestant Episcopal Church, with its beautiful green lawn, and the Rectory, where lived the saintly and now sainted Dr. Cutler."—A. B. THORN.

"Coming to Brooklyn in 1850, I was surprised to notice that the swine were allowed to roam at large in the streets so far down towards the business centres. The condition of the streets and the unwholesome odors in Fulton Street gutters impressed me, coming from New England. Then the Long Island Railroad had an old shed as a station at South Ferry, and sent out its trains preceded by a man on horseback through the disused but still existing Atlantic Street tunnel."—HENRY WHITE.

"In the early fifties there stood on Willow Street a small schoolhouse, the only building on a large, vacant plot, extending some distance along Willow to Pierrepont, and from Pierrepont to Columbia Street. Here cows were pastured. On the other side of Pierrepont Street was a large piece of woods. At the foot of Pierrepont Street the Heights were not built up from Remsen Street to Pineapple Street. About this time the City Guard, a militia company, afterwards a part of the Thirteenth Regiment, Company 'G,' encamped upon the Heights. The white tents and the bright uniforms made a brilliant display, and the people of Brooklyn visited the spot in immense numbers, attracted by the novel sight."*—THOMAS H. MESSENGER.

"I remember well my first trip across the East River on the ferryboat 'Olive Branch,' which carried only foot passengers. That was the favorite boat in those early days. My home was on Fulton, between Tillary and Johnson Streets, a large colonial house with grounds through to Washington Street. In 1853 Fulton Street, where the Young Men's Christian Association now stands, in fact from Bridge Street upwards, was only a country road. At the junction of Fulton Street with Flatbush Avenue, was the old 'Jackson Farm,' where we boys had our ball games. As I pass through the Brooklyn of to-day, I do not know at which I marvel most—the wonderful growth of the city, or the grand success of the Brooklyn Young Men's Christian Association. 'Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but to Thy name give glory.'"—CHARLES W. BLEECKER.

It was in the midst of conditions like these that the Brooklyn Young Men's Christian Association was organized. Nine years previously, on June 6th, 1844, the first association had been organized in London, through the efforts of George Williams, then a junior assistant in the dry goods establishment of Hitchcock & Co., St. Paul's Churchyard. Sir George Williams is now the head of this house, and in 1894 was knighted for his service to the world in the establishment of this organization. Information regarding the London Association was brought to the United States through the instrumentality of George M. Vanderlip, a student of the University of New York, who in the *Watchman and Reflector*, of Boston, in June, 1850, described the establishment of the London Young Men's Christian Association. This letter led to the organization of the Boston Association in December 29th, 1851. This was the first Association organized in the United States, although the Association in Montreal was organized on December 9th, 1851. Brooklyn citizens have a special interest in this historic item, inasmuch as Mr. Vanderlip, in later years, was active in the religious life of the city, and in his closing years made his



Sir George Williams

* Brooklyn at this time had a population of less than 150,000.

home here until August 1st, 1903, when he died, while his family still retain their residence here.

From the very small beginnings of 1844 in London, and of 1851 and the succeeding years in America, the little handful of Associations then existing have grown into a marvelous body that has extended its influence around the world. There are now 6,625 such Associations, with a membership of 644,753. In the United States and Canada alone there are 1,736 Associations with a membership of 350,455. These latter Associations own buildings and real estate valued at \$24,016,415, and spent last year for current support \$3,583,506. There are 1,729 employees who devote their entire time as secretaries, physical directors, or in other capacities to the executive charge of this work. Departments have been established among steam and street railroad men, among students, among the men of the Army and Navy, among colored men and Indians, and among boys. Nearly 30,000 different students are enrolled in the evening classes of these Associations, and over 40,000 in their Bible Classes.



George M. Vanderlip

It is from the standpoint of the organization of to-day that the following brief historical sketch of the Brooklyn Young Men's Christian Association has been written. These Associations came to a consciousness of their legitimate and largest work through a process both interesting and painful. Now that their legitimate sphere of activity seems to have been crystallized, it is possible to look back and discover the mistakes of the past. It is therefore, not in disparagement of any of the work of the past that this historical sketch has been written; but, in recognition of the well-defined sphere of Association activity to-day, the evolution of the Association from 1853, amid many wanderings and back-slidings, towards its present status, has been outlined.

It will be noted also that this historical sketch revolves to a considerable extent around the buildings which at different times the Brooklyn Association has rented or purchased. Indeed, the Brooklyn Association seems to have passed through the three periods which characterize the home-life of men. There is first of all the boarding-house period in the life of the young man, who goes from the country to the city to make his way in the world, which typifies the life of the Association in the meagre rented rooms which it occupied in the early part of its career. But, as

has been suggested in a recent editorial: "Nobody regards a flat as his perpetual or ultimate residence. He stays until the ceilings begin to come down, and the steam pipes leak, and then moves to a newer place, or the landlord raises the rent and virtually evicts him." Soon the family passes to the apartment stage of its life where it at least has a floor to itself. In the same manner the Brooklyn Association reached a stage of its activities, when two or three rented rooms would not serve its purpose, and it passed into the enjoyment of floors of buildings rented for the purpose. Once more the family move from the apartment into a house and become householders, and identify themselves more prominently with the life of the community in which they live. Similarly the Brooklyn Association passed from the apartment stage of its existence into the householding period in 1885, when it came into possession of a building of its own, which has been since multiplied by a number of buildings in various parts of the city.

Signers to the Call for Organization.



Andrew A. Smith



John E. Hanford



D. Willis James

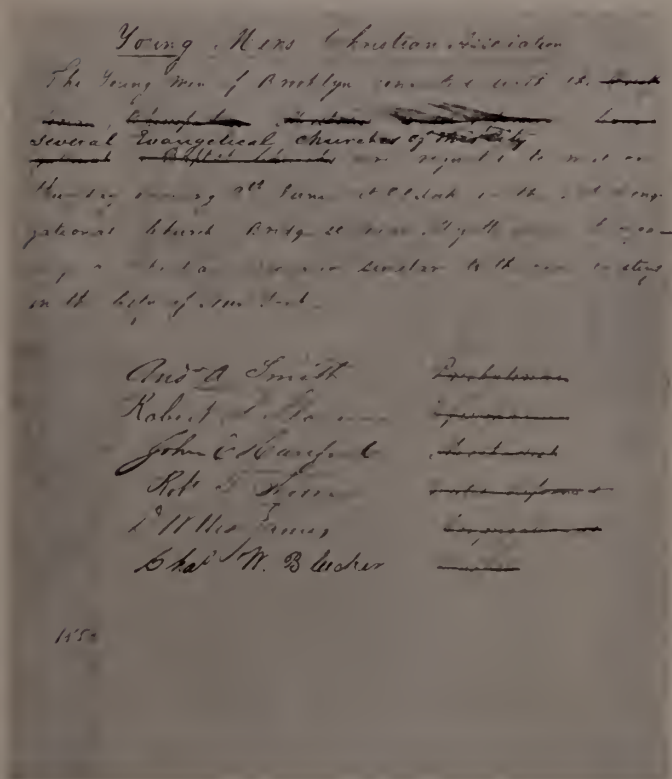


Charles W. Plecker

Chapter I.

THE PERIOD OF RENTED ROOMS.

1853-1865.



"The young men of Brooklyn connected with the several evangelical churches of this City are requested to meet on Thursday evening, 9th of June, 1853, at 8:00 o'clock, in the Second Congregational Church, Bridge Street, near Myrtle Avenue, to organize a Christian Association similar to the one existing in the City of New York.

ANDREW A. SMITH,

ROBERT T. THORNE,

ROBERT S. STOCUM,

D. WILLIS JAMES,

JOHN E. HANFORD,

CHARLES W. BIECKER."

In pursuance of the above call three hundred young men assembled and proceeded to organize The Brooklyn Young Men's Christian Association. Charles W. Bleecker was appointed chairman, and D. Willis James secretary, of this meeting. A committee of five on Constitution was appointed, of which Mr. James was the chairman. This meeting was followed by three others in quick succession on June 23d, 28th and 30th in the Lecture Room of the Church of the Pilgrims, over which Andrew A. Smith presided, and at which there was much discussion concerning the incorporation of the word "evangelical" in the preamble, which read as follows: "We, the subscribers, desirous of combining the Christian influence, and stimulating the piety of the young men of this City and vicinity, and of promoting the growth of evangelical religion in our midst, do hereby form ourselves into an Association." On June 30th the Constitution was adopted, and a committee of twelve, composed of two from each denomination, appointed to nominate officers. On September 1st, 8th and 15th, meetings were held again in the Lecture Room of the Church of the Pilgrims. At the first of these the Charter members of the new organization were enrolled; at the second, the representatives of the various denominations prepared a list of names to be submitted to the Nominating Committee for officers; and at the third, the Association was fully organized by the election of officers. One hundred and eight was the voting strength of the Association at this last meeting, a number which was increased to two hundred and seven within a short period. The first Board of Managers consisted of a President, six Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Registrar, Treasurer, and thirty other gentlemen, a number which was reduced early in 1856 to twelve. The first meeting of the Board of Managers was held in the Committee Room of the Brooklyn Athenæum, on September 19th, and a second on September 27th, at which by-laws were adopted and the following Committees designated: Library, Statistics, Ways and Means, Lectures and Meetings, Rooms and Receptions, Printing, Publishing and Distribution. The first public meeting of the Association was held in the then new Reformed Church on the Heights, October 25th, at which a representative pastor from each denomination was requested to

Churches in which the first meetings of the
Association were held



Church of the Pilgrims



First Presbyterian Church



Bridge Street Congregational Church



First Reformed Church



Reformed Church on Heights

assist, including Rev. R. S. Storrs, Jr., Congregational, who delivered the address; Rev. Mr. Fletcher, Methodist Episcopal; Rev. Mr. Welch, Baptist; Rev. Dr. Bethune, Reformed Dutch; Rev. Mr. Canfield, Episcopal, and Rev. Dr. Spencer, Presbyterian.

The Association found its first local habitation in the third story of the Washington Building, corner of Court and Joralemon Streets. The original room which was divided into two parts, the one for a Reading Room and the other for a Conversation Room, covered a floor space of 26 x 55 feet. To this was added later a room for Board and Committee meetings on the same floor, while the monthly meetings were held in the Lecture Room of the Church of the Pilgrims, and later in other neighboring churches. The rooms in the Washington Building were opened on December 20th, 1853, and were accessible to young men from four to ten P.M. daily, except Sunday, until November, 1855, when they were opened for the entire day and evening.

The work of the Association as planned during this first year of its existence, and as conducted throughout the period now under discussion seems to have been five-fold: (1) The library and reading room. The library was at first largely made up of books presented by the members or friends of the Association, comprising at the close of the first year only three hundred and twenty-seven volumes, a number, however, that steadily increased to fifteen hundred volumes within the next five years. It is noteworthy that this department of the Association's activities gave the name to the first executive officer, who was called the Librarian. (2) Lectures. A course of four lectures on "Egypt and the Holy Land" was delivered before the Association during the months of January and February, 1854, in the Brooklyn Athenæum by Rev. J. P. Thompson of New York. These were followed, in the succeeding winter, by two courses of four lectures each, the one by representative clergymen, the other by ex-President Hitchcock of Amherst College, on "The Religious Bearings of Geology," and these in the following winter by two courses of four lectures each, the first by Mr. William M. Thackeray on the "Four Georges of England," the other by Rev. W. H. Milburn, the blind preacher, on "Western Life." During subsequent winters there ap-



First Rooms of the Association, Washington Building, 1853-1850

peared on the lecture platform of the Association such men as George William Curtis, Dr. Henry M. Scudder, John B. Gough (who was repeatedly re-engaged), and Rev. John S. C. Abbott. Considerable difference of opinion existed among the membership as to the character of the lectures, and the question was raised whether any other than lectures of a strictly religious nature should be given, but the many-sided character of the Association as it now exists was foreshadowed in the wise decision of the Managers, that not only the spiritual, but equally the social and intellectual, wants of young men should be provided for.

(3) Monthly Meetings. These were representative gatherings of the members of the Association and their friends, and were largely attended. The programme was distinctly literary, an essay being read at each meeting. Among the early essayists were the three brothers of the Abbott family, Benjamin V., Austin and Lyman (the last named speaking on "Doctrine and Duty; or, the Creed not the Only Test of Christian Character").

(4) Devotional Meetings. These were held monthly. While not largely attended during these early years they were held with regularity, and were regarded as being essential in reviving the spiritual ardor of the members.

(5) Sunday Evening Sermons. For a period of six years a series of Sunday evening sermons for young men, more than one of which found its way into print by order of the Association, were preached during the winter season in the various churches of the city by such men as Rev. Dr. Bethune, Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, Rev. R. S. Storrs, Jr., Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler, Rev. Dr. S. T. Spear, and other giants of the pulpit, who earned for Brooklyn the name of the City of Churches. During the later years of financial stress these services came to be associated with the opportunity for securing collections for the support of the Association.

It is noteworthy that these five departments of work which the Association adopted in the first year of its history have continued with more or less modification among the main lines of its activity up to the present time. While lectures have come to be interspersed with entertainments, and monthly meetings have been superseded to a large extent by literary societies and debating clubs, while devotional meetings are

held more frequently, and services in the churches less often. in the main the organizers of the Association in its very first year laid foundations upon which their successors have been building to the present time, and when in 1855, they organized an evening class in the French language, which continued for three years, and monthly socials and receptions they added the beginnings of two important departments—the Educational and the Social, which, with occasional lapses, have been continued ever since. But when in 1857 they went beyond the perfect number of seven, and commenced to organize Sunday schools and prayer-meetings in various public institutions, and relief work for the poor, they entered a sphere of activity upon which the history of the succeeding years did not set its seal of approval, and which ran its course within the next decade. The subject of conducting Mission Sunday Schools was considered as early as March 21st, 1854, at which time at a special meeting of the Association the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

“*Resolved*, That the Young Men’s Christian Association pledges its aid to the cause of Mission Sunday Schools.

“*Resolved*, That a committee of twelve be constituted to give direction to the efforts of the Association in this behalf.”

It was not until September, 1857, however, that a Sunday School was established under the auspices of the Association at the Nursery at Flatbush, and in October, 1858, at the Truant Home. These were continued with much zeal for a period of ten years. In October, 1857, the stringency of the times suggested the establishment of a relief work which was continued for two winters, and later at long intervals. To these were added, in 1858, preaching services in “The Asylum for the Insane at Flatbush,” which was the forerunner of similar services and prayer-meetings in other public institutions and in mission chapels. This work, conducted under the auspices of the Committee on Statistics—a name that was afterwards changed to Committee on Statistics and Evangelization—was entered in the reports of the Association under the caption of “Aggressive Work,” and was done in spite of the recognition, in the published annual reports of the early Presidents, of the existence of

the Sunday School Union, the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, and other organizations established for the conduct of these specific kinds of work, and the avowed purpose of the Association to labor for the welfare of the *young men* of the community.

Contrary to the earlier and later policy of the Association also, ladies were invited in 1855 to attend the monthly meetings, and in 1859 to become Association members, and to partake as such of all the privileges, the argument being used that the library and reading room would be largely patronized by them, and that their refining influence would be felt in the social meetings. This privilege continued to be accorded for a period of more than twenty-five years, during which time ladies played a more or less important part in the work of the Association, at one time numbering twelve hundred in its membership, attracted doubtless by the opportunity to make use of the library. The Brooklyn Association was among the last in the American group to withdraw the privilege of membership from ladies; and only did so as the experience of the Associations at large demonstrated the advisability of work *by* young men *for* young men.

Very early in the history of the Brooklyn Association the fear that it might be a rival of the church began to find expression, especially after its entrance into the spheres of general activity, to which reference has already been made. The Association, therefore, found it desirable to emphasize its purpose as a co-laborer with the Church, and to recite the following resolution of an International Convention of the Young Men's Christian Associations:

“*Resolved*, That we do not intend that these institutions shall take the highest place in our affections, or the largest share of our labors, but that we hold these organizations as auxiliary to the divinely appointed means of grace, the Church, and the preaching of the Gospel.”

As already intimated no question in connection with the organization of the Association was more earnestly discussed than the incorporation of the word “evangelical” into its constitution. One of the members, in proposing an amendment looking to the substitution of the word



First Presidents of the Association

"Christian" for the word "evangelical," announced that if this amendment were defeated he would offer another providing that the name of the Association should be "The Young Men's Evangelical Christian Association." The government of the Association, however, was in the end entrusted to members of evangelical churches, "not," as the first printed report of the Association states, "in a spirit of hostility, but with the desire to avoid useless controversy, and to secure unity of purpose and effort." That a very serious effort was made to consider the

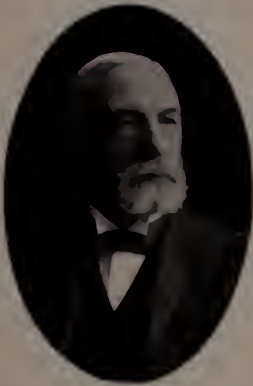
interests of all the churches represented in the government of the Association is evidenced by the facts that all the denominations were represented in the call for the organization, that they were all given an opportunity in the meetings for organization to nominate officers and managers from their respective denominations, and that the public services rotated among the churches, while the elimination of the names of particular churches and denominations from the call for the organization are indicative of the Christian unity which the Association sought to exemplify in all its procedures. This spirit of unity and of religious enthusiasm was very much quickened by the revival of 1858, the report of which year records gratitude to God for the gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit during the previous months, and the changing of many associate members to active members.

The earliest relations of the Brooklyn Association with organizations of a kindred character were with the New York Young Men's Christian Association. That Association had been organized on June 30th, 1852, and, as will be noted by the Call, the New York Association was the type according to which the young men interested in the Brooklyn Association proposed to organize. The by-laws of the Board of Managers of the New York Association were temporarily adopted at the first meeting of the Managers of the Brooklyn organization, the officers of the New York Association were invited to the first public meeting in Brooklyn—an official visit which was reciprocated later—and similar exchanges of courtesy followed from time to time. In harmony with the New York and four other Associations, the Brooklyn Association refused to identify itself with the Confederation of American Associations, organized at Buffalo, in June, 1854. The President, in his first annual report, states that: "A proposition for a Convention of Delegates from all kindred Associations in the United States, to consider upon the propriety of establishing an Alliance of American Young Men's Christian Associations, was recently made to this society, and was respectfully declined, for the reason that the expediency of such union was not apparent to our view; and, also, because such supposed centralization would militate with the necessarily local character of our field of effort, requiring, especially in the early

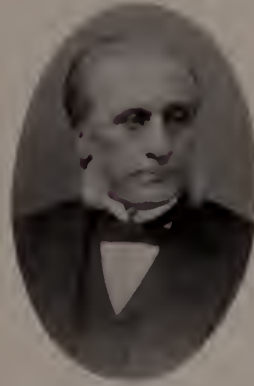
Presidents of the Association, 1853-'59



Andrew A. Smith, 1853-'56



James McGee, 1856-'57



George A. Bell, 1857-'58



John M. Doubleday, 1858-'59

history of the movement, our undivided attention." Similar action was taken by the New York Association under the leadership of Dr. Howard Crosby. This action was reconsidered, however, and in June, 1856, the Brooklyn Association united with the Confederation, and thereafter was regularly represented at the Conventions of the American Associations. The effect of such representation is clearly manifest in its subsequent work, as will be seen later. At the close of 1853 there were twenty-five Young Men's Christian Associations in the United States and Canada, a number that increased within the period that we are now studying to two hundred and forty.

The expenses of the Association during the year 1853 and 1854 were \$2,105. Thereafter, the amount ranged from \$2,739, which were the expenses of the following year, to \$1,285. The effect of the business panic of 1857 is seen in the decreased expenses and donations of the following year. The membership, beginning with two hundred and seven, as already noted, was increased to seven hundred and two by the close of the second year, and then, by a natural reaction, fell to about five hundred at which point it was maintained during almost all of this period.

Andrew A. Smith, the chairman of the meetings for organization, was elected the first president, and served for nearly two years. A man of clear judgment, gentle spirit and broad ideas, the Association owes to him a very large portion of its early successes. He was succeeded by Messrs. James McGee, George A. Bell, and John M. Doubleday, each of whom filled the office for a year. These gentlemen were all identified with the early religious and civic interests of Brooklyn, and brought to the Association the benefit of their large experience, and their representative standing in the community. While in the early history of the Association the responsible librarian was oftentimes a member of the Board of Managers, from November 1st, 1853, there was an executive officer of the Association designated as the Librarian, and devoting a considerable proportion or all of his time to the Association. The first of these was Mr. James P. Root, who, beginning on the date indicated above, served the Association in the evenings, and was in charge of the rooms. Mr. Pliny Fiske Warner was the first to devote his entire time to the work of

the Association, and served as its librarian between October, 1855, and June, 1856. At the beginning of his engagement the Board of Managers added a boy to the executive force at a salary of \$50 per annum. That boy was Charles E. Teale, who worked in this capacity for two years. He is now the Commissioner of Charities for the Borough of Brooklyn, and for sixteen years has been an active and honored member of the Association's Board of Directors.



Charles E. Teale
Association's first Office Boy
1855

Charles E. Teale
Association Director
1903

On April 28, 1859, the Association took formal possession of its new rooms in the building of the Brooklyn Institute, 182 Washington Street, near Concord Street. Thirty years later, when fire destroyed that building, the Brooklyn Institute became in turn a tenant of the Young Men's Christian Association. In 1863, with the lease of the rooms in the Brooklyn Institute building, the privileges of the Hall were secured for six evenings in the year.

The first mutterings of the impending storm of the slavery agitation and the Civil War were heard in the Association as early as 1854, when a member introduced into the monthly meeting a resolution against the Nebraska Bill, then before Congress, protesting against any abrogation of the Missouri Compromise, and a copy of the resolution was ordered sent

to representatives in Congress. The Association found itself compelled to take a stand against the letting of its rooms for political lectures and the delivery of addresses having a political tinge during the succeeding years. It was not until the winter of 1856 and 1857, however, that the full force of this storm broke upon the Association. A determined effort was made by a number of members to secure the public and official committal of the Association against the institution of slavery. Much acrimonious debate was aroused among the membership by the discussion of this question at the monthly meetings. Resolutions, *pro* and *con*, on various phases of this topic were carried by a narrow margin of a few votes. Meetings were prolonged far into the night and differences were engendered, which threatened the very existence of the Association. The President states, in his annual report of the time, that "it is to be earnestly hoped, that on the one hand, no obstacle will be interposed to prevent the Association from taking a proper position in regard to the great moral questions of the day, and that on the other, no single topic will be allowed so to engross its time and attention as to interfere with its more proper and direct work." The revival of 1858, to which reference has already been made, seems to have had a softening influence upon the minds of the members, and as it was found that the consideration of the question led only to bitterness and dissension, the theme was thereafter dropped from the program of the meetings, and there appeared as the motto of the Association on the title page of its annual report in the spring of 1858, the text "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

With the beginning of the Civil War in 1861, there was offered to the Associations of the country an opportunity for that marvelous adaptation of themselves to special needs and conditions which has since characterized them. The Brooklyn Association immediately appointed a committee to visit the neighboring camps and gain information concerning the feasibility of holding religious services, this committee in turn engaging a gentleman to visit the camps in their behalf. Delegates were appointed to attend a convention in New York, which had its inception with Association men, and which eventuated in the organization of the United States Christian



WASHINGTON BUILDING - CORNER CORL AND JEROME STS - 1853



PROCTOR'S INSTITUTE, 182 WEST WABE ST. 1856



SOUTH EAST CORNER FULTON ST AND GALATIN PLACE - 1865



SOUTH WEST CORNER FULTON ST AND GALATIN PLACE - 1872

FIRST BUILDINGS OCCUPIED BY THE ASSOCIATION.

Commission, on the Central Committee of which, composed of twelve members, Brooklyn was represented by the Rev. James Eells, D.D. An Army and Navy Committee was appointed by the Association, which during a period of two years succeeded in securing and distributing \$28,000 for religious services among the soldiers. There being some delay in the organization of the Central Commission, an arrangement was made with Mr. Vincent Colyer to act as the distributing agent of the committee in the camps near Washington, where he had formerly acted for the New York Association, but on the organization of the Christian Commission, the funds in the hands of the Army and Navy Committee were paid over to it. By action of the Board of Managers,



Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler, D.D.

members who became in arrears to the Association while absent in the defence of their country were retained on the roll.

The period of the Civil War was extremely paralyzing to the regular activities of the American Associations. Of the two hundred and forty Associations existing at the beginning of the War, only sixty survived it. The Brooklyn Association, however, did not suffer to the extent of some of the other Associations, and while no new phases of work were entered upon during this time, with the exception of that already referred to, called out by the War, the usual services and functions of the Association were prosecuted with vigor. The monthly meetings were held with regularity, lectures were delivered, among others, by Messrs. Gough, Beecher, Cuyler and Phillips, while Sunday Schools and special preaching services were maintained without interruption. The number of volumes in the library also was doubled in 1862, through the efforts of Mr. John M. Doubleday, who led in the securing of a fund of \$5,000 for the purpose. A series of entertainments was also held in the Academy of Music under the chairmanship of Mr. E. D. Barker. A proposition to establish a News Boys' Home resulted in a report of the special committee, that prominent citizens had taken the matter in hand, and that this field need not be entered by the Association.

Presidents of the Association, 1859-'64



Henry H. Lloyd, M.D., 1859-'60



Robert Speir Bussing, 1860-'61



James M. Ives, 1861-'62



O. Vincent Coffin, 1862-'63



Charles A. Richter, 1863-'64

The Presidents of the Association between 1859 and 1865 were: Henry H. Lloyd, M.D., and Messrs. Robert Speir Bussing, James M. Ives, O. Vincent Coffin, Charles A. Righter and William Edsall, each of these, with the exception of the last, serving a single term of one year. It was a trying period for the Association, full of difficulties, which were nobly met and overcome by these loyal men, as the issue discloses. The only surviving member of this group is the Hon. O. Vincent Coffin, who in later years became the Governor of the State of Connecticut. During these years a lady, Mrs. Gardner, had charge of the rooms and acted as librarian.



Chapter II.

THE PERIOD OF RENTED FLOORS.

1865-1885.

On September 7, 1865, the Association threw open to the public its rooms in the building, 80-82 Fulton Avenue, on the southeast corner of that thoroughfare and Gallatin Place. Here it had secured a lease for five years of two stories, each with a floor space of 45 x 75 feet. The Association had now broken away from its early policy of having a room of small dimensions simply for reading and library purposes, and holding meetings in the Lecture Room of some neighboring church. Thereafter, the regular meetings and ordinary courses of lectures were held in its own rooms. The membership immediately increased from 469 to 1,254, a number that had increased by 1867 to 4,666.*

The expenses were augmented of course in an approximate ratio, increasing from \$2,000 the last full year in the Institute building, to nearly \$12,000 the first year in the new building, and ranged from the latter amount to \$20,000 during the Association's tenancy of this building. The current expenses in 1867 were said to have been larger than those of any other American Association. The liberality of the citizens, however, was correspondingly increased, and the Association made a public report in the year 1865 for the first time of contributions to its work, amounting to \$4,400, Mr. S. B. Chittenden heading the list with a subscription of \$500. On May 8, 1869, the Association was incorporated under an act entitled, "An Act to incorporate the Brooklyn Young Men's Christian Association." Under this Act of Incorporation, the name of the Board of Managers was changed to the Board of Directors.

The period upon which the Association now entered is perhaps the most interesting and remarkable in its history. It had passed the days of

* It should be borne in mind that this was not a paid-up membership. The receipts from annual dues at this time were \$4,170, while from a similar number of members within recent years \$33,970 were received in annual dues. Of this membership twelve hundred were ladies.

helpless infancy, had survived the shocks of opposition and difficulty to which it had been subjected, and entered upon the period of its youth, with the confidence and enthusiasm engendered by the view of a great opportunity, and yet not always with the wisdom which came to it with increasing experience. The years between 1865 and 1872 saw more beginnings of permanent phases of Association activity made than any other equal number of years in the half century of its life. During this time, the Reception Committee was organized, the Employment and Boarding House work inaugurated as bureaus, the Literary Society established, calisthenics, the forerunner of the gymnasium, introduced, the first Branch organization effected, the first General Secretary employed under another designation, the real beginning of the educational work, comprising a variety of evening classes, made, and the first genuine Bible class in the rooms of the Association commenced. It is noteworthy that these last two Association agencies originated together in the life of the Brooklyn Association: the Bible class, as has so often happened in the Young Men's Christian Association, following in the wake of the educational classes. This great record was probably due, among others, especially to two causes. First among these was the succession of efficient Presidents, which the Association had during this time. Mr. William Edsall was the first gentleman since the first President of the Association, Mr. Andrew A. Smith, to serve more than one year as President. Mr. Edsall was twice elected President, and after an intervening presidency was again elected for another year, thus serving three years as President, while his term of service as a Director covered a period of twenty-four years. A man of clear ideas, as his reports indicate, concerning the purpose and scope of the Association, and with strength to carry out these ideas, the Association during his administration received a most remarkable stimulus. He was followed in the first term of his presidency and preceded in his second term by Mr. Ezra D. Barker, who, with Mr. O. Vincent Coffin and David H. Cochran, are the only survivors of the seventeen presidents who served the Association prior to 1879. Early in his administration Mr. Barker inaugurated and energetically pushed a plan of visitation, by which to each of a considerable number of

Presidents of the Association, 1864-'74



William Edsall
1864-'66; 1867-'68



William W. Wickes
1868-'69



Joseph T. Duryea, D.D.
1869-'70



Ezra D. Barker
1860-'67



Darwin G. Eaton
1870-'72



David H. Cochran
1872-'74

members was assigned a small district, in which he was asked to make the acquaintance or obtain some knowledge of young men, to influence as many as possible to join the Association, and to introduce those who were in need of it to friends. These gentlemen were succeeded in the presidency by Mr. William W. Wickes, Rev. Joseph T. Duryea, D.D., and Professors Darwin G. Eaton and David H. Cochran. All three of these gentlemen were men of large culture. The two latter were leading educators, which may account for the kind of work that was attempted by the Association at this time. Since 1867 the Association had had a Committee on Arts, Sciences and Education, but it was not until the presidency of these men that a distinctly literary and scientific phase of work was established in the Association. In 1870 a course of weekly scientific lectures was established, which was continued for a period of several years. The evening classes were increased at this time also, from two to five, and from that to thirteen in 1875. The number of volumes in the library was increased also, from five thousand in 1870 to seven thousand in 1874.

Another cause that doubtless conduced to the development of the Association particularly along the lines of work for young men, were the International Conventions that were held in Boston in 1864, and in Albany in 1866, at which addresses by Rev. H. C. Potter of Troy, later the Bishop of New York, and Hon. Cephas Brainerd of New York City, emphasizing the fact that it was the duty of the Young Men's Christian Association to cultivate their specific field of work for young men, had made a profound impression. These Conventions were attended by a number of representative delegates from the Brooklyn Association. Hence, we find along with the weekly Bible class, the Saturday evening prayer-meeting and the Sunday afternoon meeting of this period, the work of such committees as those on Employment, Educational Work and the Library. We are not to understand, however, that the Association had entirely discarded the more general religious work which it took up in 1857. The city missionaries were invited to make their headquarters at the building of the Association; a committee was appointed to communicate with Rev. Mr. Heydrick, city missionary,

(now the senior missionary of the Brooklyn City and Mission Tract Society), to secure his services for the Association; Children's meetings were conducted in Fort Greene Park; the Committee on Statistics, by authority of the Board, opened a bureau of pulpit supply, and many of the missionary agencies which had formed part of the activities of the Association in the past were continued.

The President's report for the year ending May 14, 1867, made this announcement: "The frequency and importance of our meetings, the number of visitors daily calling and requiring attention at our rooms, the correspondence and the multiplying details that needed constant care and supervision, and more than all, the proposed missionary work, seemed sufficient reasons for the employment of a competent and experienced person, who could devote his time to the affairs of the Association." Accordingly, the Board of Managers engaged a Chaplain and Actuary, whose labors began on the 1st of January. The executive officer so appointed was the Rev. C. H. A. Bulkley, who, under another name, was the forerunner of the General Secretaries who have since served the Association. In December of the same year he was succeeded as Chaplain and Actuary by Rev. R. H. Rust, who was in turn succeeded during the early part of 1868 by Rev. William M. Martin as Superintendent and Chaplain. Mr. Martin labored with the Association for seven years. He was a man of forceful personality, and under his administration the Association was strongly developed on the lines of its religious work. His conception of his office is indicated in his own report: "For the good of the Association I take the liberty of suggesting, that in my judgment, the services of the Chaplain and Superintendent may be best employed in acting as a connecting link between it and the churches, thus securing their co-operation, and in representing the building project as well as looking after the spiritual interests of the Association, which will occupy his time fully, rather than in being confined to the desk by minor details which can be attended to by others whose time is not so valuable." Later, Mr. Martin served also in the capacity of Treasurer, and much of his time was devoted to securing pecuniary support for the Association.

The Association occupied the two floors on the southeast corner of Fulton Avenue and Gallatin Place for seven years. During nearly all of this time the question of having an adequate building of its own was agitated. Indeed, it is safe to say that up to the time of its moving into its own building at 502 Fulton Street in 1885, the Association did not spend more than two years in any building occupied by it, before making an effort to find more adequate and suitable quarters. During all these years there was a righteous discontent with any accommodations that the Association was able to rent. This was probably fostered by the erection of the first fully equipped Association building, corner Twenty-third Street and Fourth Avenue, by the New York Association, in 1869. The very active campaign for a building of its own which the Association commenced in 1870, while not successful in accomplishing the exact result sought for (only \$80,000 towards the \$250,000 required being subscribed) was, nevertheless, fruitful in bringing about the erection of a building especially adapted to its needs on the southwest corner of Fulton Avenue and Gallatin Place, directly opposite the rooms occupied by the Association up to this time. By an arrangement with Mr. John French the Association was able to rent for five years, at \$4,500 per annum, all the stories above the ground floor of two four-story buildings, and the second and third floors of the adjoining building. These rooms were opened in September, 1872. Here the Association had not only more commodious quarters than in the premises previously occupied by it, but also the exclusive use of a hall. It was, therefore, probably as well housed as it could have been in any rented quarters.

Succeeding Dr. Cochran in the Presidency came Messrs. Tasker H. Marvin, John P. Adams and Charles H. Dillingham, all of whom have now gone to their reward. The developments in the secretaryship of this period in the Association are of the most interesting character. Rev. William M. Martin resigned as Chaplain and Superintendent in 1875. During this year Messrs. Moody and Sankey conducted meetings in the Brooklyn Rink, which marked the beginning of their great work in America, and which also had a notable influence upon the work of the Association. Mr. Moody nominated for the vacancy in the executive

Presidents of the Association, 1874-'83



Tasker H. Marvin, 1874-'70



John P. Adams, 1870-'77



Charles H. Dillingham
1877-'79



Daniel W. McWilliams, 1879-'80



Andrew L. Taylor, 1880



R. Fulton Cutting, 1880-'83

office, Rev. George A. Hall, the General Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association at Washington, D. C. Mr. Hall was engaged, his services to date from December 1st, 1875. When the Committee who had been appointed to secure a missionary for the Association came to confer with him, however, about the title and functions of his office, the differences between the conceptions of the executive office as held by the Association on the one hand and by Mr. Hall on the other, were found to be so different as to prevent a continuation of the engagement. Mr. Hall soon after entered upon the duties of the State Secretaryship of the Young Men's Christian Associations of New York, with which work he has been usefully and honorably identified ever since. It is noteworthy that the Brooklyn Association came slowly to the consciousness of the General Secretaryship as it existed in the minds of the early Association leaders. It was in 1871, that the title of General Secretaryship had been given to the office, with the realization that in order to his greatest efficiency the incumbent must have a recognized standing as the executive officer of the Board of Directors, be permitted to attend its meetings and have a voice in its proceedings, be provided with sufficient assistance to relieve him from unnecessary details, and enjoy the confidence and support of the members of the Board in the discharge of his duties. It was not until 1876, however, that the Executive Officer of the Brooklyn Association was titled as Secretary, and it was not until some time later that the General Secretary came to have that standing with the Board of Directors, which incumbents of that office now enjoy. The explicit terms of the arrangement with Mr. Wilkie in the invitation to him to become General Secretary in 1880 indicate, that the Association had by that time come to a full recognition of the scope and purpose of the office. Mr. Abram S. Emmons, since a successful pastor in various sections of New York State, served the Association in an executive capacity, and finally as its secretary between September 1st, 1874, and May 1st, 1877. He was succeeded by Mr. Humphrey B. Chamberlin, who came to the Association in October, 1877. Mr. Chamberlin had had an experience as General Secretary for several years, and was ably assisted during the second year of his term

Secretaries of the Association, 1867-'79



C. H. A. Bulkley
Chaplain and Actuary
1867



William M. Martin
Chaplain and Superintendent
1868-'75



A. S. Emmons
1874-'77



George A. Hall
1875-'76



H. B. Chamberlin
1877-'79



J. T. Bowne
1878-'79

of office by Mr. J. T. Bowne, for many years since the Director of the Secretarial Department of the Young Men's Christian Association Training School at Springfield, Massachusetts. They were succeeded by Mr. Charles H. Dillingham, who had also filled the office of the Presidency.

The trend of the Association's work during the secretaryship of these men was distinctly evangelistic. If the comparison will not be misunderstood, one might be made between the missionary work of the previous years, which consisted of the maintenance of Sunday schools, children's meetings, preaching services for men and women on the one hand, and the evangelistic spirit of the later years on the other, which looked to the winning of young men, particularly by the presentation of the Gospel and by personal work, to Jesus Christ. No invidious comparisons are intended between the missionary work that preceded 1875 and the evangelistic work that followed. It was simply an evolution in the life of the Association, each representing a type of Christian activity. The tone of this period then was distinctly evangelistic. In 1875, as has already been stated, Messrs. Moody and Sankey conducted great meetings in the Brooklyn Rink, having come to Brooklyn on the invitation and at the initiative of the Young Men's Christian Association. A Gospel Tent was secured by the Association, and located on Union Street, near Ninth Avenue, in close proximity to the main entrance to Prospect Park. This tent had a seating capacity of eight hundred, and in it were held a number of services on Sunday and during the week until 1879, when a Gospel Pavilion, a more permanent octagonal structure capable of seating about six hundred, was located on Flatbush Avenue, also near the main entrance to Prospect Park. The services in the Tent were supplemented by open air meetings at Atlantic Dock on Coney Island, and in co-operation with the Women's Christian Temperance Union at Mozart Garden. It will be noted that the chief developments of this period date from the visit of Messrs. Moody and Sankey. These men had made a lasting impress upon the life of the Young Men's Christian Association, as the Young Men's Christian Association had previously made a lasting impress upon them. At the close of the meetings in the Rink, Mr. Moody, having learned of the crippled condition of the Association, called for a



Dwight L. Moody



Ira D. Sankey



Association Gospel Tent
Union Street, near Ninth Avenue
1875

thank offering from those who had been helped by these services. This appeal resulted in securing the sum of \$9,258 38, from 13,743 contributors. Several gave articles of jewelry which were sold at good prices. It was believed that this assistance saved the life of the Association at this time. When the corner stone of the Association's building at 502 Fulton Street was laid in 1884, Mr. Moody delivered the principal address of the occasion, while he and Mr. Sankey conducted the first services for men that were held in the new Association Hall in 1885. The Association owes a debt of gratitude to these men, echoing the sentiment over the grave of the one in Northfield: "He that doeth the will of God abideth forever," and cherishing the deepest sympathy for the other in his retirement in his Brooklyn home. The work of the Association was not exclusively evangelistic, however, during this period. Indeed, so varied were the privileges offered to members, and the activities put forth with the Association's entrance into its larger quarters that the charge of secularization, which has been so often made against the Association, when its activities were the most varied, was made against the Brooklyn Association at this time. It may have been this fact that led the Board of Directors to instruct the secretary to present a synopsis of all the work of the Association in writing for publication in the *Association Advocate*. The evening classes were maintained with vigor, the enrollment being as high as seven hundred and fifty during the occupancy of this building, calisthenics were introduced, receptions to young men of different trades and lines of business were offered, the library interests promoted by a Polhemus Memorial Fund, from which two thousand volumes were purchase, the Employment Bureau given a new life, and in general an effort made to cover the demands of the whole man by the range of Association privileges.

One of those recurring crises in the business world came during the year 1873, and made the task of securing donations for the maintenance of the Association extremely difficult. Mr. Chamberlin on coming to Brooklyn entered heartily into a work of his own conception, namely, the securing of six hundred sustaining members who would contribute at least ten dollars annually until they gave notice of the revocation of

the agreement. This number was secured, marking perhaps, the most noteworthy financial accomplishment of the Association up to this time. The annual expenses of the decade between 1875 and 1885 averaged \$10,000, while the membership ranged from fifteen hundred to twenty-four hundred.

The years between 1880 and 1885 were most fruitful for the future of the Brooklyn Association. During this time Messrs. Daniel W. McWilliams, Andrew L. Taylor, R. Fulton Cutting and Edwin Packard filled the office of the Presidency. Mr. McWilliams had twice previously declined to accept this office, and was compelled to lay down his duties by reason of illness before the completion of his year of service. The oldest member of the Board in years of service, an intimate friend of Mr. Moody, and carrying over whatever was best in the evangelistic life of the Association into its work under new conditions, a residuary legatee of Frederick Marquand, and so enabled materially to assist the Association in its efforts to obtain its first adequate building, and in more recent years the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, he is justly honored in all of its councils. Mr. R. Fulton Cutting, who had a most successful administration between 1880 and 1883, and has since fought the battle of civic righteousness in New York City, was succeeded by Mr. Edwin Packard, who was President for seven years, the longest term of office among the Presidents up to this time. Mr. Packard has for nearly twenty-five years been continuously a Director of the Association, during which time he has been a leader in several successful efforts of the Association to raise large sums of money for general and particular purposes, while during his administration as President, the Association passed into the possession of its first building. During the presidencies of these gentlemen, Mr. Thomas J. Wilkie was the General Secretary. He came to the Association in May, 1880, from the General Secretaryship of the Association at Toronto, at a time when the work of the Association had been severely crippled by the simultaneous illness through the severity of their labors of the President, the General Secretary and the Assistant Secretary. A renewed activity characterized the operations of the Association from the beginning of his engagement. The gymnasium was at

once and for the first time introduced into the Brooklyn Association as a part of its work, taking the place of the Hall, and a gymnasium instructor, Prof. J. Douglas Andrews, secured to take charge. This was not the first attempt that had been made to introduce the gymnasium as a department of the Association. As early as June 3d, 1856, at a meeting of the Managers, a special committee of three was appointed to take into consideration the propriety of establishing a gymnasium in connection with the Association. This was followed by earnest statements in the Presidents' reports of 1856 and 1857, concerning the value that a gymnasium and bowling alleys would have in promoting physical manhood, and in attracting young men to the Association. Dr. Luther Gulick, director of the physical training in the schools of New York City, says that nowhere in the Association literature is there any such broad minded and wise discussion of the plan and necessity for physical training for the city boy as that which is contained in the report of 1856. In 1859, on the initiative of Mr. Lyman Abbott, a very determined effort was made to secure a well equipped gymnasium, and it was proposed to secure the necessary amount of money by selling shares in the sum of ten dollars each. This enterprise might have been carried through at this time but for the intervention of the War, but it was not until this much later period that the gymnasium was introduced.

No period of the Association's history has been characterized by greater activity in its religious work than this one. While some of the remnants of missionary work had been carried over, and there were tract distribution at Fort Hamilton, services designated as Mission Services here, and at Fort Schuyler and at the Marine Barracks, and the distribution of religious literature in the Municipal and other public buildings, evangelistic zeal for young men was never more manifest in the Association than at this time. Special series of evangelistic services for men were frequently held: Gospel services on Sunday afternoons during the winter at the rooms, and during the summer at the pavilion were largely attended and spiritually fruitful; an important Bible class under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Samson was introduced: the Yokefellows, a band of men organized and inspired to follow up evangelistic meetings with

Secretaries of the Association, 1880-'86



Wallace MacMullen
1883-'85



Thomas J. Wilkie
1880-'86



Francis R. Wardle
1885

personal effort, was continued, and in general the Association stimulated to the largest measure of activity upon religious lines.

The most visible achievement, however, of this period was the interesting of Mr. Frederick Marquand in the Association to such an extent, that in 1881, he made an offer of \$20,000 towards a building for the Association, an offer that was increased later to \$25,000, and from that to \$50,000, and from that in 1882 to \$100,000, on condition that \$200,000 additional should be secured. Any efforts that were put forth for the raising of the additional amount, however, were brought to a standstill by the death of Mr. Marquand a few months later. In the early part of 1883 the residuary legatees of Mr. Marquand's estate made the following offer:

BROOKLYN, N. Y., March 21, 1883.

TO THE BROOKLYN YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION:

We, the undersigned, hereby offer and agree to erect upon the six lots of land on Bond and Fulton Streets, Brooklyn, now owned by us, and valued at about fifty thousand dollars, a building suitable for the growing work and objects of the Brooklyn Young Men's Christian Association, at a cost not to exceed one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and to convey said

lots and buildings of the value, say, of two hundred thousand dollars, as a free gift to the Association, to have and to hold so long as the same, and the rents thereof, shall be used by it to improve the spiritual, intellectual, physical and social condition of its members, and those whom it may admit to the privilege of said Association, by means appropriate and unison with the spirit of the gospel, provided :

FIRST.—That the Association raise before January 1, 1885, the further sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars in cash, or secure good and valid subscriptions for that amount, and place the same in trust with the Trustees of the Brooklyn Young Men's Christian Association, to be by them securely invested and held as a permanent fund, and the income derived therefrom and from the said real estate, or such part thereof as shall be rented, to be paid over to the Treasurer of the Association to be applied by the Board of Directors to the proper uses of said corporation as herein expressed ; and, provided,

SECOND.—That the charter of said Association be amended as proposed in the draft of proposed amendments, being deemed by us desirable to inspire confidence in the friends of the Association. That the said real estate and the funds of the Association shall never be used for purposes other than those heretofore specified, and to insure us that special prominence shall hereafter be given by the Association to the improvement of the spiritual condition of its members, and those admitted to its privileges, and that its other work shall be made subsidiary to the great object of leading them to believe in and adorn the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The lots have been, and the proposed building is to be paid for out of the moneys received by us under and in pursuance of the ninth sub-division of the last will and testament of Frederick Marquand, deceased, and upon his recommendation and request, that the same be used and distributed "in the cause of education and the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and in encouraging and aiding any good work, either in our own or in foreign lands."

Respectfully yours,

ALANSON TRASK,

By Daniel W. McWilliams, Attorney.

DANIEL W. MCWILLIAMS,

VIRGINIA M. MONROE.

As the plans progressed it was decided to enlarge them, and to make more generous and permanent provision for the varied departments of Association work. To acquire entrance on Fulton Street, the property No. 502 was purchased by the legatees. the building thereon was removed and the lot was covered by the new Association building. Mr. Trask purchased three lots on Hanover Place, removed the houses and erected the Gymnasium as his additional and special gift to the Association.

All of these legatees were deeply interested in the welfare of the Young Men's Christian Association. Mr. McWilliams, as already indicated, had been President of the Association. Mr. Trask was a director from 1869, and in later years President of the Board of Trustees. He has left to the young men of Brooklyn a rich legacy, not only in the institu-



tions which he has fostered for their benefit, but in the example which he gave as a young man in fighting his way by the force of character through many discouragements to the front in business life, and in the use which he made of his wealth, not for self aggrandisement, nor for the creation of a large fortune, but for the benefit of his fellowmen. Mrs. Virginia Marquand Monroe was the niece of Frederick Marquand, had married Mr. Elbert B. Monroe, who had been a member of the New York Young Men's Christian Association from its organization in 1852, and successively its Treasurer, Vice-President and President, a member of the International Committee, and later its Chairman. Mr. and Mrs. Monroe were in deepest sympathy in the gift, not only of the Brooklyn building, but of buildings of a similar character in other cities.

The offer of the legatees of the Frederick Marquand estate involved, as will be noted, the raising of \$150,000 as an Endowment Fund, by January 1st, 1885. This was regarded as an herculean task. No such amount of money had up to this time been raised in Brooklyn in one effort for any of its institutions. The Board of Directors, however, entered upon the work with courage and enthusiasm, and in co-operation with the Special Committee, consisting of Mr. A. Augustus Low as Chairman, and Messrs. Edwin Packard, George Foster Peabody, Albion J. Newton, Daniel W. McWilliams, David A. Boody, Henry Dalley, Jr., and Alanson Trask, succeeded in completing the fund before the close of the year 1884. There were eight hundred and fifty subscribers to the fund, the amount of the subscriptions ranging from ten cents to fifteen thousand dollars. In the meantime the work of erecting the new building at 502 Fulton Street was progressed. Ground was broken with a simple ceremony, including an address by Mr. John C. Pearce, who had been identified with the first Young Men's Christian Association in London on its organization, and had been an active member of the Brooklyn Association for a number of years, on May 2d, 1884. The corner stone was laid on October 11th following, with services appropriate to the occasion, the President, Mr. Packard, presiding, Mr. McWilliams in the name of the legatees of the Marquand estate presenting the building, Mr. Alanson Trask laying the corner stone, Mayor Low and Mr. Moody delivering the



First Building owned by the Association, 502 Fulton Street, 1885

addresses. These services were followed by exercises in the Academy of Music on the following evening, at which addresses were delivered by Mr. Moody and Mayor Low. The building was completed within sixteen months of the breaking of the ground. It was pronounced at the time to be the best Young Men's Christian Association building in the country, and is believed to have cost, with the lots, about \$300,000. With a section on Fulton Street, 20 x 67 feet, and four stories high, the rear connecting with the main portion of the building, having a frontage on the west of 125 feet on Bond Street, and running back 100 feet in depth, and on the east a frontage of 60 feet on Hanover Place, and a depth of 100 feet, ample provision was made for the physical, intellectual, social, and religious improvement of young men, who ever since have thronged its rooms. The Association's lease of the building on the southwest corner of Fulton Street and Gallatin Place having expired on May 1, 1885, it occupied temporary quarters at 517 Fulton Street from that time until the opening of the new building.

The possession of the new building suggested a change in the Articles of Incorporation under which the Association had been working, and a consequent change in its Constitution. Indeed, most of the changes effected in the Charter and Constitution of the Association have grown out of new requirements made by the possession or anticipation of new buildings. A very simple Certificate of Incorporation, made pursuant to a statute already in existence, served the purpose in the early days of the organization, and on December 10, 1853, the following was filed in the office of the Secretary of State at Albany: "We, the undersigned citizens of the State of New York, of full age, desiring to associate ourselves for a benevolent purpose, do hereby, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, certify, that the name by which the Society or Incorporation, hereby to be formed, shall be known in law as 'The Brooklyn Young Men's Christian Association'; that the object and business of the Society is to improve the spiritual, intellectual, and social condition of young men; that the managers are thirty in number, and that the names of the managers for the first year of the existence of the Society are as follows." But with its entrance into a larger field of activity, as it became

housed in the building on the southwest corner of Fulton Street and Gallatin Place in 1865, and with its anticipation of even a larger building of its own, the Association secured a special act of incorporation on May 8, 1869, through Chapter 737 of the Laws of the State of New York of that year, entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Brooklyn Young Men's Christian Association." The first Board of Trustees of the Association brought into existence by this Act comprised the following gentlemen: Messrs. Frederick Marquand, Pitt Cooke, Thomas Vernon, James R. Taylor, Abraham J. Beekman, William C. Rushmore, and, ex-officio, William W. Wickes, President, William M. Martin, Treasurer, and Enos N. Taft, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Directors. This act was amended on May 19, 1876, through Chapter 361 of the Laws of New York State of that year, one of the principal provisions of the amendment being that "the election of Directors shall be by the Board." The Act was still further amended on June 13, 1881, through Chapter 490 of the Laws of New York State of that year, more specific provision being made through the amendment for "taking and holding by purchase, gift, devise or otherwise, and selling, leasing, mortgaging or otherwise disposing of any personal and real estate, the annual income of which real estate shall not exceed \$50,000." This amendment was doubtless inspired by the offer of Mr. Marquand of \$20,000 for a new building to which reference has already been made. Once more the Act was amended on May 31, 1884, through Chapter 437 of the Laws of New York State of that year, one of the principal provisions of this amendment being, that "such real estate as the Association may hereafter acquire by gift or grant from Virginia M. Monroe, Alanson Trask and Daniel W. McWilliams, residuary legatees of Frederick Marquand, deceased, or any of them, shall not be mortgaged." Prior to the amendment of 1884 the Board of Trustees had a more or less nominal existence, inasmuch as the Association did not possess any real estate. With the acquirement of the new building and an Endowment Fund, however, the Board of Trustees came very actively into the life of the Association, and have ever since maintained a vital relation to it. No important action with reference to the real estate or funds of the Association has been taken since without their concur-

rence, the funds of the Association have been invested by them, and during the eighteen years of their active existence, they have turned over



Cornelius D. Wood

to the Directors of the Association, for the support of its work, from rentals and income of Endowment Fund \$224,736, this having been accomplished without the loss of any funds. For twelve years before his death in 1902, Mr. Alanson Trask was the Chairman of this Board, being succeeded by Mr. Cornelius D. Wood, the present Chairman, and as early as 1856 a Director of the Association. The other present members of this Board are: Mr. George Foster Peabody, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Daniel W. McWilliams, Secretary-Treasurer;

and Messrs. John Gibb, Frank S. Jones, Charles M. Pratt, James H. Post, Charles A. Schieren, and, ex-officio, Edward P. Lyon.

The changes in the Charter were sometimes suggested by needed changes in the Constitution. The first Constitution adopted on June 30, 1853, was amended in order to embody the results of experience in the new work, including a reduction in the number of managers, on February 12, 1856. It was further amended in 1869, 1882, 1885, and finally in 1896, each of these changes being effected after much deliberation, and in order to aid the Association more adequately to do its growing work, and meet the more exacting requirements of its wider field of effort.



Chapter III.

THE PERIOD OF OWNED BUILDINGS.

1885-1903.

The building at 502 Fulton Street was opened on September 29, 1885. Members flocked in large numbers to the enjoyment of its privileges, and within two years taxed its capacity to the utmost. It soon became evident that the one building, generously as it was planned, could not meet the requirements, for such privileges as it offered, of a city with a population of 700,000. Requests commenced to come in from various sections of the City for the establishment of convenient Branches, and the response to these, and similar requests made later, constitutes one of the characteristic features of the period upon which we are now entering. These were by no means the first requests that the Association had received for the establishment of Branches, nor had other parts of Brooklyn gone during these years without Associations, established either as independent organizations or as Branch enterprises. The Williamsburgh Association was organized in July, 1855. Its existence seems to have been a brief one, but it was revived under the name of the Eastern District Association, which was organized October 24, 1866, under the presidency of Mr. Joseph F. Knapp, with two hundred members, and with rooms at "Fourth Street, near Fifth Street." This organization was maintained for about seven years. An East Brooklyn Association is reported to have been in existence in 1858, and to have held a public meeting in the Clinton Avenue Congregational Church. It does not seem, however, to have had an active or localized existence until September, 1866, when it took possession of rooms at 693 Myrtle Avenue. This Association like the one in the Eastern District ceased its active life in 1875. The records indicate the existence for a single year, in 1870, of an Association in East New York, under the presidency of Mr. Ditmas Jewell, with a room at the corner of Atlantic and Pennsylvania Avenues. A

Greenpoint Association came into existence in 1869, and was maintained for five years. In 1868 a band of young men living in South Brooklyn, and another band living in New Utrecht, made application to the Board of Managers for recognition as Branches of the Brooklyn Association in their respective fields. Elaborate articles constituting "a general basis for Branches" were formulated. These provided, among other things, that a fixed proportion, or some definite annual amount from the dues of members identified with the Branches, together with any excess of receipts over expenditures, should be placed at the disposal of the Association for its general work. These articles proving acceptable to the young men of South Brooklyn and New Utrecht, Branches were established in those neighborhoods, the former in 1868 and the latter in 1869. There are no records of work done by the South Brooklyn Branch. The New Utrecht organization, however, was maintained as a Branch for several years, after which, and until within very recent times, it maintained a separate existence in a small property of its own. The Branch relationship was established in 1878 with an organization in the "Town of New Lots," the financial provisions differing in this case, in that while the Branch should be self-sustaining, its income should be under its own control and for its own benefit, and the parent Association should not be under any obligation for the indebtedness of the Branch. No further record of this Branch is given. The German Young Men's Christian Association was organized in 1878, secured a small building of its own, and although without a paid executive officer, and without offering many of the varied privileges which are now found in connection with the Young Men's Christian Association, still maintains its existence on Flushing Avenue.

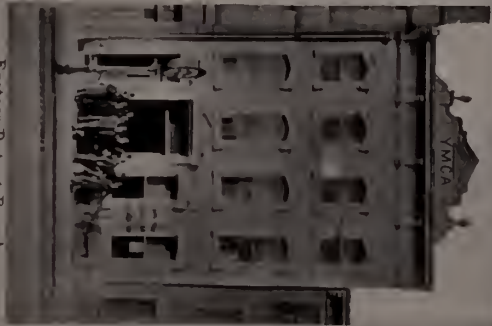
This is the fragmentary record of the establishment of independent Associations and Branch organizations in various parts of Brooklyn, during the first twenty-five years of the life of the Brooklyn Association. As will be noted, none of these Associations, or Branches, with the exception of the last, has continued until the present time, and most of them had a brief and precarious existence. The principal Association organization in Brooklyn, as represented by the Brooklyn Association, had not yet reached that state of assured stability and acceptance with the com-

munity which made it a source of life to its Branches, or a tower of strength to other Associations in its vicinity. With its establishment in the new building at 502 Fulton Street, however, the Association found itself strong enough to maintain Branches in various sections of the city, although even then this task was not accomplished without arduous efforts and serious drafts upon the life of the Central Association. In response to the request of over two hundred young men of the Eastern District, addressed to the Board of Directors of the Association, a Branch was opened in that section of the City, in what was known as Yale Hall, a rented building at 131 South Eighth Street, on October 21, 1889. This Branch has had as Chairmen: Messrs. O. W. Van Campen, Jr., George W. Schaedle and Dr. James W. Fleming, while its secretaryship has been filled by Messrs. Harvey L. Simmons, William Knowles Cooper and Fred D. Fagg. In small and inadequate quarters it has maintained a vigorous activity through gymnasium, evening classes, religious meetings and social functions. On March 14, 1899, Mr. B. H. Howell, a resident of the Eastern District for many years, gave \$20,000 as the nucleus of a Building Fund for this Branch. Since that time the Fund has been increased to \$175,000, an amount which it is proposed to increase to at least \$250,000 for the purpose of providing a modern and suitable Association building for the Branch, on the corner of South Ninth Street and Marcy Avenue, the site of the old Calvary Protestant Episcopal Church. Before the Eastern District Branch had been organized, a similar petition was received from the young men of the Bedford section of the City for the establishment of a Branch at that point. This petition was granted, and on October 1, 1890, the building at 420 Gates Avenue secured for \$27,000 by the Association, subject to the mortgages and without the payment of money, was opened. Later, a fully equipped gymnasium was erected at a cost of about \$10,000. This Branch has been presided over successively by Messrs. Alonzo Alford, Edward P. Lyon and Alphonzo Smith, with Messrs. Edward H. Foot, Harry E. Cantel, William H. Davis, and Halsey Hammond as Secretaries. In this building, somewhat larger than that of the Eastern District, but still inadequate to the needs of from five hundred to seven hundred members, have been provided various Asso-

ciation privileges, with such a measure of success that this Branch like the Eastern District Branch is making an appeal to its community for the erection of a suitable building. In the early part of 1901, Mr. Frank S. Jones made a cash contribution of \$20,000, to inaugurate the building fund of this Branch, an amount that had been increased by subscriptions from other citizens to \$150,000. Lots at the corner of Bedford Avenue and Monroe Street were subsequently purchased, and steps taken to double at least the amount of the fund. The Prospect Park Branch was established in October 1, 1891, in a rented house, at 362 Ninth Street. This building served the purposes of the Branch until January, 1893, when the main building of the present property, at 359 Ninth Street, was purchased for \$22,700, subject to mortgages of \$16,700, which have since in part been cancelled, while an effort is in progress to cover the balance. In the early part of 1899, a gymnasium was added to the other equipment of the Branch, at a cost of about \$20,000. The Chairman and generous patron of the Branch from the beginning has been Mr. Seth W. Fox, and the Secretaries have been Messrs. Henry Medd, Ben M. Lewis, John G. Thorne and W. W. Winne. The membership commencing with about two hundred has increased to over five hundred with the addition of the gymnasium, and the work of the Branch has been maintained with vigor and usefulness in spite of financial difficulties. The Twenty-sixth Ward Branch was organized on November 5, 1893, and immediately came into the possession of lots and a building, especially erected for the purpose, at the corner of Pennsylvania and Liberty Avenues, at a cost of nearly \$30,000. Of this amount \$16,000 was covered by the generous subscriptions of Messrs. Williamson Rapalje, Ditmas Jewell, and other citizens of the Twenty-sixth Ward, leaving mortgages amounting to \$14,000, a portion of which has since been cancelled, while an effort is now being made to provide for the balance. The Chairmen of this Branch have been Dr. George E. Law and Mr. Edward R. Vollmer, and the Secretaries, Messrs. Fred D. Fagg, Charles E. Jones and William Kemp Nugent. In a new and rapidly growing section of the City this Branch has maintained an active work among its members, never less than three hundred, and at this time nearly five hundred in number.



Prospect Park Branch
339 Ninth St.



Eastern District Branch
131 So. Fifth St.



26th Ward Branch
142 Pennsylvania Ave.



Bedford Branch
250 State Ave.

Association Buildings in Brooklyn.

The Long Island Railroad Branch was established on May 26, 1894, succeeding a club of employes, which had not met with a large measure of success. A building was immediately erected by the Long Island Railroad Company for this Branch, at 45 Borden Avenue, at a cost of \$6,000. This building proved to be inadequate for the four hundred members who identified themselves with the Branch, and in 1902 additional room was provided by the Company at a further cost of \$6,000. This Branch, with the aid of an annual appropriation from the Company has succeeded in maintaining itself without calling upon the public for support, and during the past year has widened out its sphere of activity, by the establishment of a point of work at Prospect Street, Jamaica, in a house also provided by the Company. This Branch has always been popular among the employees of the Long Island Railroad Company, and has exerted a deeply religious influence upon many of them. With the settlement of the terminal conditions of this road the Branch has been promised by its President, Mr. William H. Baldwin, Jr., as complete a building for the purpose, as the Company will erect for any of its purposes. The Branch has had three Chairmen during the ten years of its existence: Messrs. C. F. Franklin, J. H. Cummin, and Frank E. Haff, and one Secretary, Mr. Neason Jones.

During these years, between 1889 and 1894, the Association had also established a Long Island College Branch in connection with the Long Island College Hospital, on April 1, 1891, and a German Branch at the corner of Graham Avenue and Debevoise Street, on November 12, 1893. The former was maintained until 1899, for a portion of the time with special rooms of its own in the vicinity of the College, but the difficulty of securing suitable quarters outside of the College buildings, and yet convenient to them, resulted in the relinquishing of this work until such time as this obstacle could be overcome. Two years of experience in the work of the German Branch, under the chairmanship of Mr. Robert W. Zundel, and the secretaryship of Mr. Hugo von Hagen, revealed the facts that it was impossible to secure a sufficient amount of money from the neighborhood to support a fully equipped Branch at that point, and that the maintenance of a Branch, exclusively for German speaking men, was

Greenpoint Branch
752 Manhattan Ave.



B.R.T. R.R. Branch
Jamaica Ave. and Gillen Place.



L.I.R.R. Branch
45 Borden Ave. L.I. City.



L.I.R.R. Branch
Prospect St. Jamaica.

Association Buildings in Brooklyn

not meeting here or elsewhere in the country with the approval of progressive young German Americans, who preferred the use of the English language, and as there seemed to be no good reason why the work done by this Branch and by the Eastern District Branch should not be conducted under one roof, these two Branches were consolidated in 1895. These are the only Branch enterprises undertaken by the Association after its entrance in the new building at 502 Fulton Street, which have not been maintained to the present time. The wisdom of the Board of Directors, in the selection of a few of the many points presented to their attention for the inauguration of Branch work, is apparent in this fact. The Association at this time was maintaining seven Branches in addition to the work in the Central building. With the business crisis of 1893, when for a time the maintenance of these Branches, established in rapid succession and without having as yet a fully organized constituency, seemed problematical, the Board of Directors decided that they would not inaugurate new Branches that would call upon the public for support, until those already in existence had been thoroughly established. This policy, during the ten years that have since intervened, has been rigorously adhered to, in spite of many opportunities for its violation, the Branches that have since been introduced into the Association circle having been inaugurated with promise of special financial backing outside of the Board of Directors, with the exception of the two Army Branches, which grew out of the exigencies of the Spanish War, and the Greenpoint Branch which was already established with a constituency of its own.

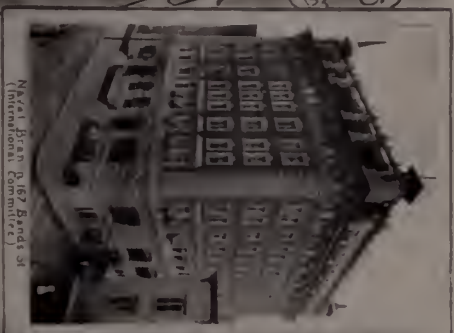
The business crisis of 1893 was also instrumental in part in the establishment of the Metropolitan form of organization in the Brooklyn Association. This form of organization had been adopted by the Associations of New York City, Philadelphia, and Chicago, and consisted of a general Board of Directors, exercising general supervision over the work at several points in a city, designated as branches, each of these having in immediate charge, a Committee of Management and a Secretary of its own, including the original or central building, which thereupon became known as a Branch. In this view of the case, members

identified with any of the Branches, were recognized as members of the Association, having the privilege of voting in the election of Directors, and were located in buildings in various sections of the city simply for convenience. With the establishment of Branches in the Eastern District, Bedford, Prospect Park, and Twenty-sixth Ward sections, the organization in the building at 502 Fulton Street had come to be known as the Central Association. The advisory relation which had to be borne by the Board of Directors and the General Secretary toward these Branches, with the handling of the affairs, both large and small in the work of the Central building, gradually proved to be too much of a tax upon their time and strength, and led to the suggestion of a general Board of Directors with a Committee of Management and a Secretary in charge of the work in the Central building. In 1891, therefore, a special committee appointed by the Board of Directors prepared a plan of organization to be submitted to the Branches. In contrast with the plan of operation of the New York Association, whose Board of Directors were making annual appropriations to the Branches, the Brooklyn plan provided for the bearing of the expense of the maintenance of a general office by the Branches. This plan not proving acceptable to the Branches, further agitation of the subject was postponed until 1895, by which time the financial situation of the Branches, by reason of the condition of the business world, had come to be critical. It was decided, therefore, by the Board of Directors to undertake the raising of a special fund out of which appropriations should be made to the Branches for their indebtedness, conditioned upon the securing of the balance by them in their respective districts, with the expectation that an annual appropriation should thereafter be made by the Board to each of them for its support. The revised constitution which had been prepared in 1891 was, therefore, submitted to the active members, and by them adopted February 11th, 1896, the Board of Directors was re-organized, and a Committee of Management and a Secretary appointed for the Central Branch, March 9th, 1896. Of this Committee, Mr. Howard McWilliams has since been the Chairman, while the Secretaries have been Messrs. Harvey L. Simmons, Thornton B. Penfield and Charles W. Dietrich.

As has already been intimated the Spanish War, which brought into life the remarkable department of work among the soldiers and sailors under the auspices of the International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations, suggested also the establishment of a Branch at Fort Hamilton, to and from which a large number of soldiers were coming and going on their way to the scene of the War. This Branch was therefore established on February 1st, 1900, in a small portable house, the property of the Association, and was afterward transferred to one of the Government buildings under the general authority given by the Secretary of War to Young Men's Christian Associations. The first Chairman of this Branch was Mr. David Porter, who was succeeded by the present Chairman, Mr. William A. Main. The Secretaries have been Messrs. John Upton Evers, Carle D. Boynton and A. S. Gaffney. A similar organization was effected at Fort Totten on March 10th, 1902, under the present officers, Mr. William T. James, Chairman, and Mr. Carle D. Boynton, Secretary. These Branches, with extremely inadequate quarters, but with the only provision that could be made for them in view of the crowded condition of these reservations, have maintained the only centres of religious influence that have existed among the soldiers at these points, and especially through the Secretary have been an uplifting force among the residents of these garrisons. The establishment of a work among the colored men of the City had been discussed as early as 1890. In 1896, a temporary secretary was employed with reference to securing financial support for such a Branch, but it was not until May 15, 1902, that the colored men found themselves housed in a building of their own, presented to the Association for them by Mr. George Foster Peabody, at a cost of \$7,500. Two hundred members are identified with this Branch under the leadership of W. L. Bulkley, Ph.D., Chairman, and Mr. Charles H. Bullock, Secretary. The success of the Association's work on steam railroads suggested the feasibility of similar work among the employes of the street railroads. In November, 1901, therefore, Mr. J. M. Dudley, the first Young Men's Christian Association Secretary in the country to devote himself entirely to work among street railroad men, came to Brooklyn as the Secretary of the Brooklyn Association,



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U.S. Recreation Y Union



Naval Branch 167 Bands at
(International Committee)



Y M C A
305 North Ave.



Port House of Branch
U.S. Recreation Y Union

Association Buildings in Brooklyn.

employed by the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Railroad Company, to organize a work among the employes of that company. This measure resulted in the organization of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Railroad Branch, with a Committee of Management of which Mr. John Keating was appointed Chairman. This Branch was installed on July 1st, 1903, in a building erected especially for its men by the Company, at the corner of Jamaica Avenue and Gillen Place, at a cost of \$40,000. Reference has already been made to the establishment of a Greenpoint Association in 1869. This Association went out of existence within five years, and in 1885 another Association was organized with a property of its own, valued at \$12,000, and with a mortgage of \$3,800, at 752 Manhattan Avenue. The Brooklyn Young Men's Christian Association did not find itself prepared at that time, or for a number of years later, to enter into an organic relationship with this Association, but after maintaining an independent and useful activity for a period of eighteen years under the presidencies of Mr. John W. Cummings, Dr. J. A. Jenkins, and Mr. Marvin Briggs, it became a Branch of the Brooklyn Association on April 1st, 1903, its President, Mr. John W. Cummings, becoming the Chairman, and its Secretary, Mr. Arthur Truslow, becoming the Secretary of the Branch. With the concurrence of the Committee of Management it was decided to enter upon a canvass for a building that should be suitable in its peculiar appointments to the needs of the employes of the many manufactories of this section, this being in line with the development of work, especially adapted to industrial centres, now being fostered by the International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations through a special department. A Manufacturers' Committee are now engaged in securing funds for a building of this kind, that will cost at least \$125,000. This building when constructed will be the home of a Workingmen's Christian Association in which a work most closely identified with their interests and life will be carried on. In 1901, by the gift of Miss Helen M. Gould to the International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations, a building was erected at 167 Sands Street, Brooklyn, at a cost of nearly \$500,000, and placed under the direction of the Naval Branch which was organized on March 1st, 1899. This Branch, while

Chairmen of Branches, 1903



Howard McWilliams
Central Branch



Alphonzo Smith
Bedford Branch



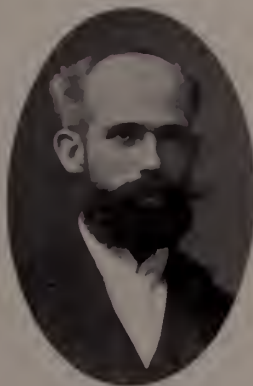
Seth W. Fox
Prospect Park Branch



James W. Fleming
Eastern District Branch



Edward R. Vollmer
Twenty-sixth Ward Branch



Frank E. Hall
Long Island R. R. Branch

not organically related to the Brooklyn Young Men's Christian Association in the same way as the other Branches, is, nevertheless, affiliated with the Brooklyn Association movement. The Committee of Management is appointed by the International Committee, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, which has the privilege of appointing two of its number to serve as members of the Committee of Management. These two representatives are Messrs. Daniel W. McWilliams, Treasurer of the Branch, and Edward P. Lyon, while the Secretary of the Branch is Mr. W. L. Tisdale. The first special effort of the Brooklyn Association to provide privileges for its members during the summer among surroundings suitable to the season was made in 1897, at which time special privileges at specified times were secured for the members in connection with a hotel on the water front at Bath Beach. The following season a small portable house was erected for the purpose in the neighborhood. This was followed in the succeeding summer by the rental of a large old-fashioned house, also on the water front at Bath Beach, where privileges of boating, bathing and social intercourse, were afforded to the membership. Efforts to find a suitable house for the following season having failed, this department of activity was suspended until such time as the Association should be able to secure a building of its own suited to the purpose. In 1893, and for a number of succeeding summers, a camp for young men at Lake Waccabuc, New York, under the direction of Mr. Hugo von Hagen, was largely patronized by members of the Brooklyn Association. This Camp came by lease into the possession of the Brooklyn Association in the summer of 1902, and is patronized to its utmost capacity by considerable numbers of the members of the Association, who go to this point to spend their vacation amid the social and helpful environment, created by its conduct under Association auspices. The Chairman of the Committee of Management of this Camp has been Mr. Cornelius S. Loder, and its Secretaries, gentlemen assigned to the duties of the office from time to time. During the summers of 1890 and 1891 athletic grounds for the entire Association were maintained near the Manhattan Crossing, but the distance of these grounds from the local Branch centers interfered with their use by a sufficiently

Chairmen of Branches, 1903



William L. Bulkley
Carlton Avenue Branch



William T. James
Fort Totten Army Branch



John Keating
Brooklyn Rapid Transit Branch



William A. Main
Fort Hamilton Army Branch



John W. Cummings
Greenpoint Branch



Cornelius S. Loder
Camp Waccabuc

large number of members to justify their continuance, and with the exception of smaller grounds located usually on vacant lots by individual Branches, or leased from other institutions from year to year, this privilege has not been maintained.

The record of the work of the Association for these years, between 1885 and 1903, is largely the record of the work of these Branches, the organization of which has thus been specifically described. It will be noted that the Association during these years has devoted a large measure of attention to the *adaptation* of privileges, already provided for a limited number of men, to various classes of men in the community. So the library and reading room, lectures and entertainments, evening classes, religious meetings, the gymnasium and social privileges have been carried, to the extent to which they were needed, to men on both steam and street railroads, to soldiers in the Forts and sailors in the Navy Yard, to colored men and factory men, as well as to men in the enjoyment of their summer outings. A further adaptation of the Association's work which should not be overlooked is found in the placing of all the more important privileges of the Association, physical, intellectual, social and religious, within the reach of boys between twelve and sixteen years of age. This is distinctively a development of the period which we are now considering, and has resulted, through the outgrowing of the meagre provision made for boys in the present buildings, in an appeal for a special building for them to be located in the Central district, and for the assignment of very generous quarters to them in the buildings soon to be erected in the other Branch districts. Another more recent development of this period is the holding of large evangelistic meetings for men under the auspices of the Central Branch in the Orpheum Theatre. It is noteworthy that while the activities of the Association are more varied than at any previous time in its history, and while these activities run out through channels, physical, intellectual and social, as well as spiritual, these meetings are probably attended by a much larger number of men than ever attended any regular evangelistic meetings of the Association in the past, even when its activities were almost exclusively evangelistic, and that no meetings that the Association ever held have been characterized

by greater spiritual fervor or by more careful arrangements for following up their results and locating the men impressed in the Brooklyn churches.

If one were called upon to characterize the work of this period in comparison with that of the two previous periods considered, which were designated as missionary and evangelistic in their trend, he might call this the *educational* period of the Association. Not that the Association has ceased to be either missionary or evangelistic in its purpose and performance: for as has just been indicated the Association has never produced better evangelistic results than at the present time, while its missionary spirit is demonstrated by the carrying of its privileges not only to the uttermost bounds of the City, but also in its gifts, amounting to over \$2,500 in 1903, to the work of the Young Men's Christian Associations in foreign lands. Indeed, whatever experience has proved to be the best in the missionary and evangelistic periods of the Association has been carried over into the work of the present period. And yet the trend of that period has been distinctly educational. The Physical Department has come to exist not merely for sport or recreation, but for physical education. The Physical Directors of the Association have come to be men either with medical training, or with special preparation in anatomy and physiology. The exercise has not been entered into indiscriminately, but has been regularly prescribed with a view to the needs of the individual, like the hygiene of the doctor. There has been no attempt to build up one set of muscles at the expense of another, and no training in specialities, but all around work has been inculcated, so that while the recreation features have been presented, the exercise has been based upon an educational principle, and conducted for the development of the all around man. The Educational Department has also become more truly educational. The treatment of the evening classes as a place of resort, and the attempt to build up a large enrollment at the expense of thoroughness have been discouraged, and for a number of years students have been dissuaded from identifying themselves with more than one or two classes at a time, lest in attempting too much work they should do none of it well. Even the social features of the Association have come to be educational. Many of the social functions are attended with pictures,

charts, or exhibitions intended to widen the knowledge of the men and enlarge their outlook upon life, and an effort made to make these events a distinctively developmental force in the mental as well as the social life of members. The religious work of the Association has also come to be more educational in its nature than formerly. There has been, perhaps, less emotion and excitement, and a distinct attempt made to have the religious services tell on the all around development of men. While these have not been less aggressive and forcible than of old, they have looked more than formerly to the development of an intelligent faith, and a reasonable religious interest. The Bible Classes have been organized after the pattern of the Educational Department, with such a number of graded classes as to appeal to the needs and tastes of a variety of men, and in many cases with expert instruction. The number of men, who have come into the Association for the enjoyment of the privileges of the Physical Department, and have come to be identified with its Bible Classes, is an indication of the extent to which these classes have entered as a controlling factor into the life of men not necessarily up to this time religious.

Three distinct forward movements of a financial character have been made during the period now under consideration. In 1889, on the initiative of Col. Willis L. Ogden, a Century Guarantee Committee was inaugurated, on the plan of finding one hundred men, each of whom should become responsible for one per cent. of the deficiency of the Association, existing at the close of the fiscal year, with the proviso that the individual proportion should in no case exceed \$100. Seventy names were immediately enrolled, a number that was soon increased to one hundred, at which number, except in unusual years, it has been maintained. While the plan has had the disadvantage of limiting the gifts of many men, who were able to contribute in larger amounts, to an annual subscription of \$100 or less, it has provided an assured income for the maintenance, first of the Central Association, and later of the supervisory work of the Board of Directors from year to year, and has interested a large number of men in the welfare of the Association. In September, 1894, it was announced that by reason of the rapid inauguration of Branch enterprises, and the reverses in financial circles of the year 1893, the combined indebtedness

of the Central Association and Branches amounted to \$25,000. It was determined to create an Emergency Fund of that amount which should be used in meeting this indebtedness. After strenuous efforts covering a period of over two years, during which time the further obligations of the Association had increased the deficiency to be met to \$40,000, the whole of the last named amount was raised. Since that time the deficiency of each year both of the Board of Directors and all the Branches has been provided for, either within the limits of the fiscal year, or within the year immediately following. In the Spring of 1902, with the rapidly increasing needs of several of the Branches for larger equipment, and the imperative necessity, if the work was to be enlarged, for the cancelling of mortgage indebtedness by other Branches, it was decided to inaugurate a Jubilee Building Fund of \$600,000 for the erection of buildings and the payment of mortgages prior to the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Association in the Fall of 1903. The following Committee was appointed: Messrs. Daniel W. McWilliams, Edwin Packard, Frederic B. Pratt, Samuel Rowland, William C. Redfield, William McCarroll, and Henry B. Haigh. The objects for which this fund was asked were as follows:

New Building, Eastern District Branch	\$250,000
New Building, Bedford Branch	250,000
New Building, Greenpoint Branch	75,000
Mortgages, Prospect Park Branch	10,700
Mortgage, Twenty-sixth Ward Branch	10,000
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	\$601,700

These items did not cover the entire list of the Association's needs. There might have been added \$100,000 for a building for the Boys' Department in the Central District, \$75,000 for Summer Headquarters, and at least \$5,000 for each of the two Army Branches. Moreover, as the canvass progressed, and the cost of building materials increased, and more accurate estimates of the expense of such buildings were received, it was found that the Bedford Branch would need over \$300,000, and the Greenpoint Branch, at least, \$125,000. By the Spring of 1903, towards the \$600,000 originally asked for, something over \$425,000 was secured. One of the most significant events in the record of this canvas was the contribution of \$100,000 by Mr. John D. Rockefeller through the following letter:

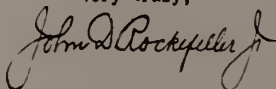
26 Broadway,
New York.

December 2nd, 1902.

Dear Mr. Pratt:

Some months ago you desired me to lay before my father the needs of the various branches of the Brooklyn Y.M.C.A. and the plan which was on foot for the raising of six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) to meet these needs. Mr. Murphy, as you know, has given the subject careful study and has made an exhaustive report of the same to us. Understanding that of the \$600,000 required, approximately \$200,000 has already been subscribed by others, my father will contribute One Hundred Thousand dollars without condition. This amount will be paid when and to whom you may direct.

Very truly,



Mr. Frederick B. Pratt,
26 Broadway, New York.

The special gifts and bequests of this period, devoted without exception to the permanent funds or buildings of the Association, have been larger and more frequent than those of any previous period, amounting to \$56,947, in addition to the large amounts subscribed specifically for building funds, in comparison with \$5,628 received up to 1885 through similar sources. There has been a significant increase also during this period in the amount expended for the current support of the Association, as was natural with the great enlargement of its work. The current expenses of 1884 the last full year in the building on the southwest corner of Fulton Street and Gallatin Place, amounted to \$12,666. For the year 1886, the first full year in the new building at 502 Fulton Street,

they were \$32,472.49. During the year 1903 they amounted to nearly \$100,000. About 38 per cent. of this amount came from donations, about 37 per cent. from membership fees, and the balance from the income of the Endowment Fund, rentals, and miscellaneous sources. With an expenditure of this amount, the net deficiency of the entire Association, after allowing for outstanding subscriptions, on September 30th, 1903, was less than \$1,200. On April 1st, 1900, in response to a demand for more thorough business methods in the Association, and the freeing of Branch secretaries from the work of bookkeeping, a single treasury for the Board of Directors and all the Branches was established at the Central building, with Mr. Samuel Rowland and Mr. Frank H. Parsons as Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, respectively. The accounts have since been audited from time to time by an expert auditor, through the courtesy of Charles Pratt & Company. During the last year in the Gallatin Place building the Association had a membership of seventeen hundred and forty-three; during the first year in the building at 502 Fulton Street, a membership of two thousand, a number that has increased with the location of Branches in various parts of the City to fifty-six hundred in 1903. There is, perhaps, no building of the Association that is not at the present time fully taxed by the membership identified with it.

The Association has been fortunate during this period in the selection of its Presidents. It has also been favored with greater permanency in this office than had characterized the previous periods. During the twenty years, between 1883 and 1903, the Association has had but three Presidents, while during the thirty preceding years it had twenty-one Presidents. Mr. Edwin Packard, as has already been stated, served the Association most efficiently as its President between 1883 and 1890. He was succeeded by Mr. Frederick B. Schenck, who was President for the next eight years, and until his removal from the city compelled the acceptance of his resignation by the Board of Directors. During the early period of its rapid Branch extension, Mr. Schenck gave to the Association a wise, sympathetic and yet conservative business leadership, which contributed very largely to its establishment in the confidence of the community. He gave to each important phase of the Association's

Presidents of the Association, 1883-1903



Frederick B. Schenck
1890-1898



Edwin Packard
1883-1900



Edward P. Lyon
1898-1903

work, whether in the Central Building or Branches, his personal attention, and during a time that was trying, financially, and also full of opportunities to the Association, shirked no duty however great or small. He was succeeded in 1898 by Mr. Edward P. Lyon, who had served the Association as the Chairman of the Bedford Branch for four years, and who is still President of the Association. He has brought to the Presidency a sympathetic understanding of the Association's spirit and purpose, judicial balance of mind, legal acumen, and fidelity to the trust reposed in him. Both of the last named Presidents have been called upon to give a large measure of their time to actual visitation of the Branches, in order to an understanding of their needs. The permanency which has characterized the office of Presidency during these later years has also marked the directorate to an almost equal extent. During the fifty years of its history the Brooklyn Association has had three hundred and fifty-seven directors, only sixty-eight of whom appear on its Directors' rolls between 1883 and 1903. The same remark might be made of the General Secretaryship. One General Secretary has served it during nearly the entire period. Mr. Wilkie crowned his faithful service to the Associ-

tion by inaugurating its work in the new building, and therein received the able co-operation of Mr. Francis R. Wardle, who was compelled to resign by reason of broken health after a few months of labor in 1885. Mr. Edwin F. See came to the Association as General Secretary in 1886, and has since served as the Executive Officer of the Board of Directors, representing them at first in charge of the work at 502 Fulton Street, and later of the Central Association and branches, and still later of the Metropolitan organization.* His associates or first assistants in the Secretaryship have been Mr. James L. Gordon, to whom is very largely attributable the growth of the Association in the early part of its work in the building at 502 Fulton Street; Mr. Joseph B. Ferguson, Mr. Arthur Truslow, Mr. Robert A. McFadden, Mr. Arthur B. Wood and Mr. Harvey L. Simmons. By reason of the growing demands upon the General Secretary's time in connection with the development of branch enterprises, the executive charge of the work in the building at 502 Fulton Street was increasingly left in the hands of these gentlemen until Messrs. McFadden, Wood and Simmons came to be known as Secretaries in Charge of the Central Building. Next to Mr. See, Mr. Simmons is the Senior Secretary of the Brooklyn Association in length of service, having come to Brooklyn in 1889 as Secretary of the Eastern District Branch, in which capacity he acted for three years, after which he was invited by the Board of Directors to devote himself more especially to the growing financial demands of the Association, in which work he has since continued with singular efficiency, and for over two years combined with these duties those of the Secretaryship of the Central Association and newly organized Central Branch.

* The following minute was adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors held November 9th, 1903, and it was resolved that a copy of the same should accompany the historical sketch :

"The Board of Directors of the Brooklyn Young Men's Christian Association, while approving the sketch of its history prepared by the General Secretary, Mr. Edwin F. See, feel that it would be incomplete without an additional statement. Seventeen years ago Mr. See, relinquishing a successful pastorate, came to the then comparatively small Association, attracted by the opportunity it offered for work among young men. The record which he has given of its growth in these years, and the position which it now occupies, are testimonials to the wisdom, devotion and self-sacrifice of Mr. See. Brooklyn owes him a debt of gratitude for what he has done for its young men. We are not unmindful of the many who have faithfully co-operated with him when we record that it is to his initiative and to his wise, patient and unremitting efforts that, under God, a large portion of the success of the work must be attributed."

Secretaries of the Association, 1886-'96

in charge at the Fulton Street Building, to the organization of the Central Branch



James L. Gordon
1886-'87



Edwin F. See, 1880—



J. B. Ferguson
1888-'90



Arthur Truslow, 1887-'01



Robert A. McFadden
1891-'03



Harvey L. Simmons, 1892—



Arthur B. Wood
1892-'04



SEBELIUS AND PHYSICIAN DIRECTORS OF BROOKLYN YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, 1903.
 Marvin L. Ross, Hubert Hammond, S. H. Burgess, Fred D. Lange, Vernon Jones, Carl D. Davidson, Joseph H. West, James H. Carpenter, Jr., W. W. White, David M. Vaughan, W. B. Newell, W. H. Carrington,
 C. W. Dietrich, Edwin F. Zee, J. J. Hensworth, Frank H. West, George J. Fisher, Arthur Tinsley, Harry E. Simmons,
 A. J. Elliott, Charles H. Hanks, J. W. Hughes, Charles H. Carey, W. W. Saunders, Z. W. Brown.

The Brooklyn Association has always had an honorable position in the annals of the Associations at large. Mr. Frederick B. Schenck and Mr. Frederic B. Pratt, of the Board of Directors, have been, for several years, active and leading members of the International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations, the former serving as its Treasurer, the latter as the Chairman of its Educational Committee, and for a time Chairman of its Naval Branch in Brooklyn, while both have been connected with many of its Committees. Mr. Daniel W. McWilliams is an advisory member of the same Committee. Mr. Edwin Packard is a Trustee of the State Association, while Messrs. Schenck, Lyon, See, and Robert L. Wensley of the Bedford Branch, are active members of the State Committee, this connection having also been sustained by Messrs. Henry Dalley, Jr., O. W. Van Campen, Jr., and Alfred C. Bedford. Messrs. Schenck, Pratt and See have also been identified with the Trusteeship of the International Young Men's Christian Association Training School at Springfield, Massachusetts, the two latter serving successively as Chairmen of its Instruction Committee. On the other hand, the contribution of the agencies of supervision to the growth of the Brooklyn Association has been increasingly important. The inspiration given in early years, especially through the International Conventions, to the development of the Brooklyn Association has already been commented upon. These Conventions have continued to be a source of strength to the Association, through the attendance of its delegates, but in addition, the Association has made large requisitions upon the members and Secretaries of the International and State Committees for their counsel in special emergencies, and scarcely any of the branches that have been established, especially those for the benefit of special classes of men in Brooklyn, have been inaugurated without the presence on the ground of at least one of the Department Secretaries of these supervisory agencies.

A comparison of the Association as it existed the year before entering upon its work in the new building at 502 Fulton Street and the present time may be interesting in closing. In 1884 the number of buildings occupied by the Brooklyn Association was one; now the number is twelve. Then there were no branches; now the Association is working at twelve points. Then there was a membership of about seventeen hundred; now

there is a membership of fifty-six hundred. Then there was no special department for boys; now there are four boys' departments, with over six hundred members. The number of volumes in the library has increased from sixty-eight hundred to seventeen thousand. Then there were but two Bible classes; now there are thirty-seven, with an enrollment of nine hundred and twenty-five men. Then there were seven men in the employment of the Association; at the present time there are seventy-five. Then there were about fifty subscribers to the Association, now there are over fifteen hundred. Then there was a total enrollment of seven hundred and forty-nine men in the evening classes; now there are ten hundred and forty-four different students. Then the average attendance at its principal weekly religious meeting was three hundred and fifty-nine; now it is seven hundred and sixty-eight.

The Brooklyn Association seems to the prophetic vision to be on the eve of a most remarkable era of development, during which the present branches, located at pivotal points in the City, will be supplied with an adequate, modern equipment for the conduct of an aggressive and all-around work among the young men of their communities; when the districts more remote from the heart of the City, which have been waiting with patience for the establishment of Association enterprises in their midst, will be supplied with buildings as the local centres of other bands of young men; when with enlarged equipment for the older branches and the establishment of new branches, the membership will be greatly enlarged; when the now incipient work of adapting itself to various classes of men in the community shall be more fully developed, and men of different trades and occupations, especially those engaged in manufactories, shall have their requirements for a social exchange, combined with an opportunity for intellectual and religious improvement, fully met; when these buildings shall come to fulfill the purpose of the founders of the Association movement, and while veritable beehives of activity in themselves, shall be also centres from which shall radiate influences that shall reach out for and touch every young man in the community; when the ambition of the Association to enter, not simply into the life of young men during the winter months, which make the indoor life of the Association building more con-

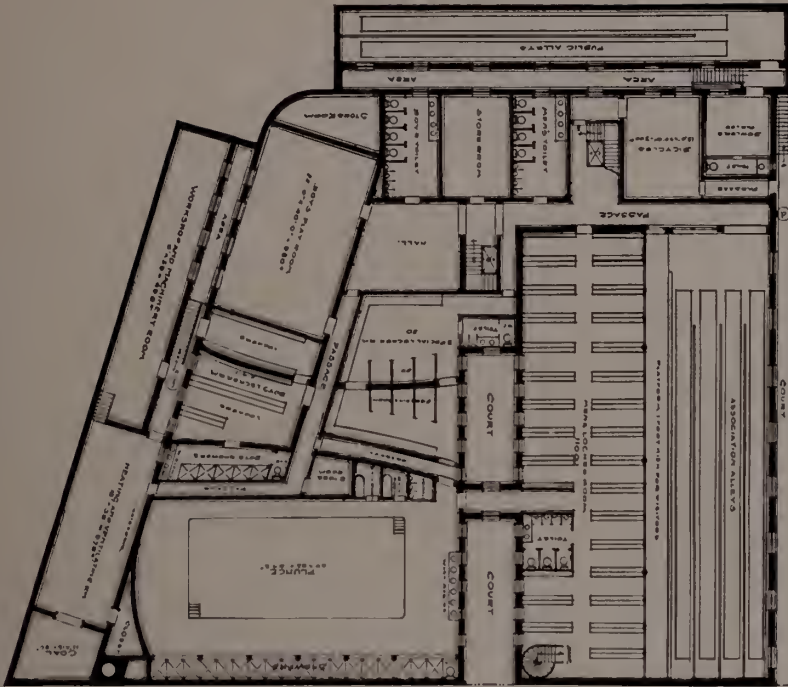
genial, but to help him in the enjoyment and improvement of his summer outings, shall be fully realized, and the Association shall not only provide all-around privileges, but all-the-year-around privileges; when the Association shall commence its most active and aggressive operations upon young men while young manhood is really forming in the boys of twelve to sixteen, and with scientific accuracy and religious enthusiasm assist in their development while they are forming habits and fixing opinions; and when the entire membership shall be dominated by an intense purpose to introduce the young men of the great community which it serves into the Kingdom of God.



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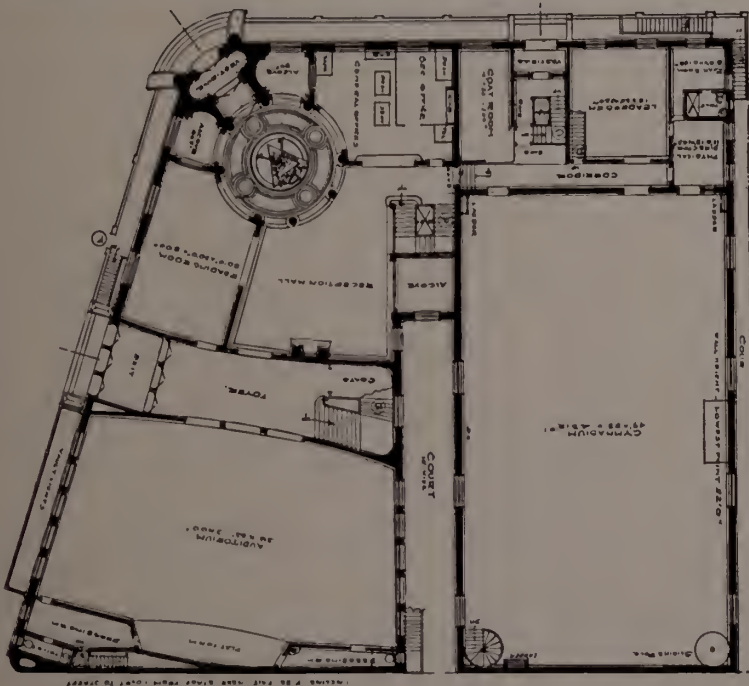


Proposed Eastern District Branch Building. Estimated cost, with lots, \$250,000



Plan of Basement

PROPOSED EASTERN DISTRICT BRANCH BUILDING



Plan of First Floor

Plan of Fourth Floor

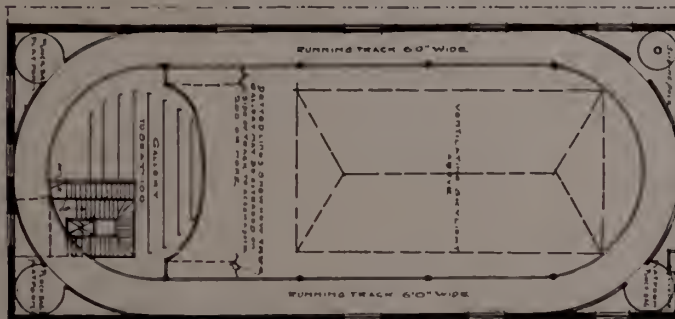
PROPOSED EASTERN DISTRICT BRANCH BUILDING



Plan of Fifth Floor



Plan of Running Track

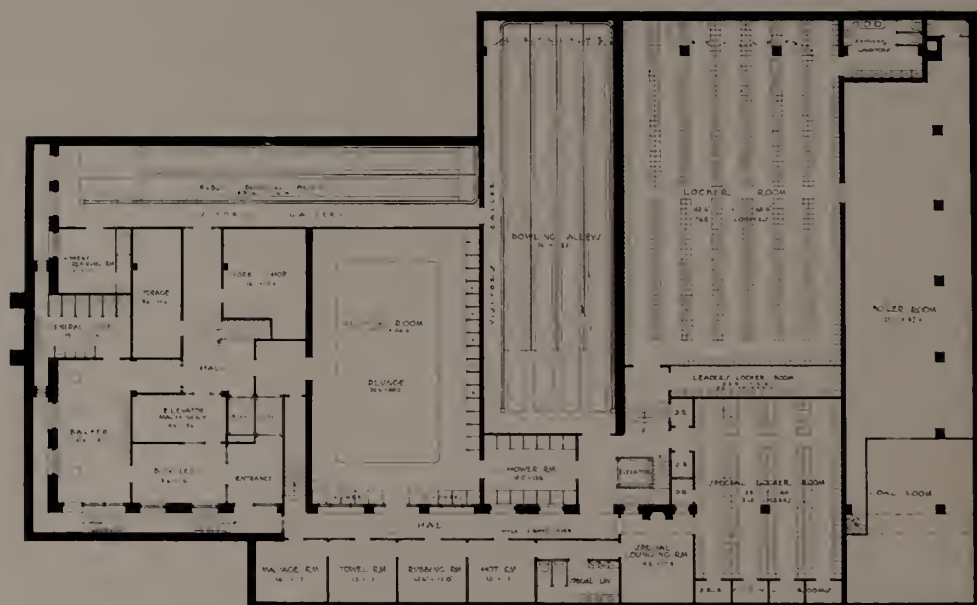




Proposed Bedford Branch Building. Estimated cost, with lots, \$350,000



Interior Views Proposed Bedford Branch Building



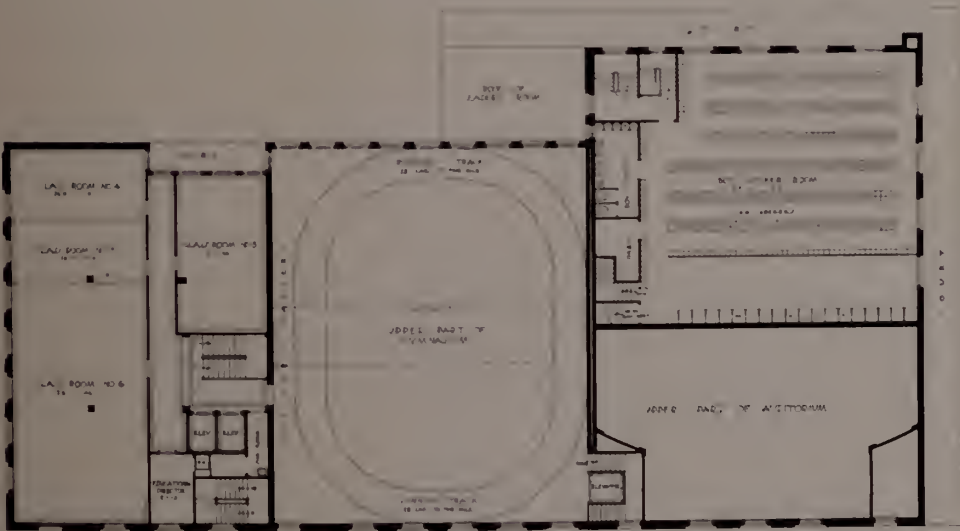
FIRST FLOOR
BEDFORD BRANCH
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BROOKLYN, N.Y.



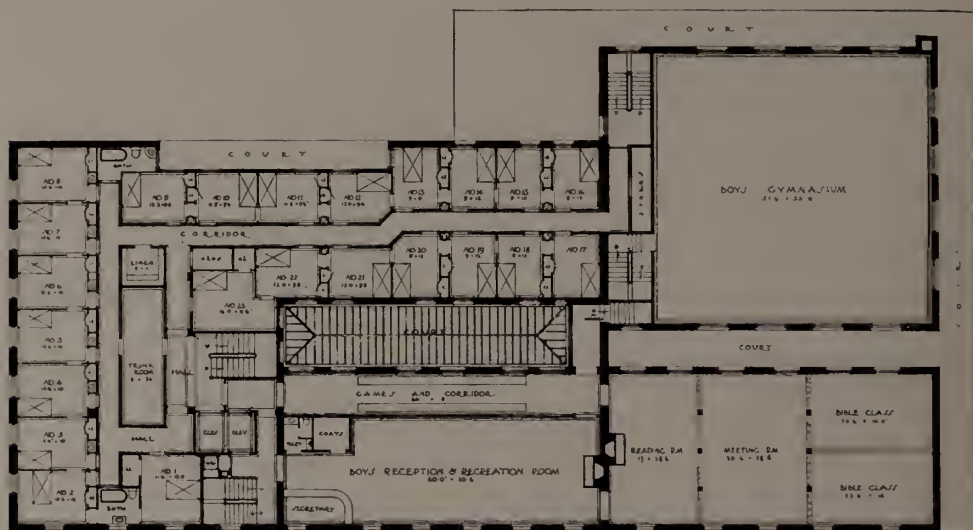
SECOND FLOOR
NEW YORK BRANCH
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION BUILDING
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• SECOND FLOOR PLAN •
• BEDFORD BRANCH •
• YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION BUILDING •
• 100 N. 3RD ST. •
• BROOKLYN, N. Y. •
• PLANNED BY ROBERT H. BROWN •
• DESIGNED BY ROBERT H. BROWN •



• THIRD FLOOR PLAN •
• BEDFORD BRANCH •
• YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION BUILDING •
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FOURTH FLOOR PLAN
SCALE 1/8" = 1'-0"
BEDFORD BRANCH
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION BUILDING
BROOKLYN, N.Y.
MAISON & BUREAU ARCHITECTS 31 NASSAU ST., NEW YORK

FIFTH FLOOR
DORMITORIES AND RUNNING TRACK BOYS' GYMNASIUM



FIFTH FLOOR PLAN
SCALE 1/8" = 1'-0"
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Proposed Young Men's Christian Association Building at Lynn, Mass.
The kind needed for the Greenpoint Branch. Estimated cost \$125,000



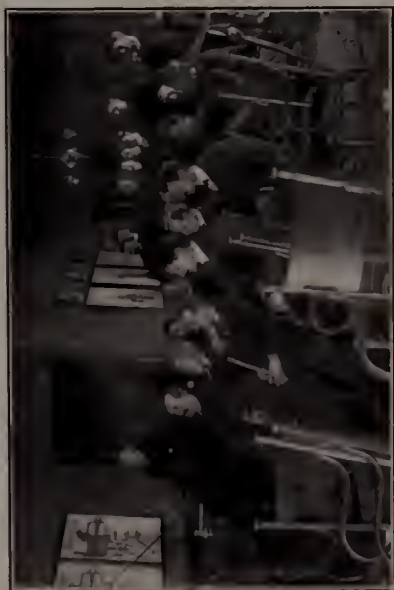
Interior Views Proposed Greenpoint Branch Building



Shower Baths



An Attractive Entrance Hall



A Class in Applied Mechanics



A Billiard Pool and Smoking Room

Interior Views Proposed Greenpoint Branch Building

1903

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AND ILLUSTRATED

BROOKLYN YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

Organized September 15, 1853. Incorporated by Act of Legislature May 8, 1869
Act Amended May 19, 1876, June 13, 1881, and May 31, 1884

GENERAL OFFICE: 502 FULTON STREET

CENTRAL BRANCH, 502 Fulton Street
EASTERN DISTRICT BRANCH, 131-133 South Eight Street
BEDFORD BRANCH, 414-420 Gates Avenue
PROSPECT PARK BRANCH, 357-359 Ninth Street
TWENTY-SIXTH WARD BRANCH, 142 Pennsylvania Avenue
LONG ISLAND RAILROAD BRANCH, 45 Borden Avenue, Long Island City
9 Prospect Street, Jamaica
BROOKLYN RAPID TRANSIT BRANCH, Jamaica Avenue and Gillen Place
CARLTON AVENUE BRANCH, 405 Carlton Avenue
FORT HAMILTON ARMY BRANCH, United States Reservation, Fort Hamilton
FORT TOTTEN ARMY BRANCH, United States Reservation, Fort Totten
GREENPOINT BRANCH, 752 Manhattan Avenue
CAMP WACCABUC, Lake Waccabuc, N. Y.
NAVAL BRANCH (International Committee), 167 Sands Street

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Organized as a Branch March 9, 1895

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Bedford Branch

Organized October 1, 1890

ALPHONZO SMITH, Chairman

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HOMER C. BRISTOL	F. R. LEACH	D. L. PIERSON
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Organized October 1, 1891

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Organized November 5, 1893

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Long Island Railroad Branch

Organized at Long Island City, May 26, 1894

Organized at Jamaica, February 1, 1903

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W. L. JARVIS		

NEASON JONES, Secretary

Brooklyn Rapid Transit Branch

Organized July 7, 1903

JOHN KEATING, Chairman

J. T. CLISSET

D. S. KING

F. A. OVERFIELD

J. M. DUDLEY, Secretary

Fort Hamilton Army Branch

Organized February 1, 1900

WILLIAM A. MAIN, Chairman

W. J. BROWN

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EDWIN S. IVES

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J. R. VAN BRUNT

GEORGE W. POOL

A. S. GAFFNEY, Secretary

Fort Totten Army Branch

Organized March 10, 1902

WILLIAM T. JAMES, Chairman

D. T. CRISPIN

WILLIAM J. ROBERTS

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D. A. HARRISON

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Carlton Avenue Branch

Organized May 15, 1902

W. L. BULKLEY, Chairman

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P. A. MYERS

J. THOMAS HUNTER

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A. H. HILL

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HYLAND E. WILSON

ALLEN MORTON

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Greenpoint Branch

Organized as an Association 1885, as a Branch April 1, 1903

J. W. CUMMINGS, Chairman		
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F. J. DENNING	CHARLES NIEDNER	S. G. TREXLER
H. N. DOUGHTERY	J. A. OWENS	E. A. WALKER
JOHN GRAHAM	A. L. PERRY	
ARTHUR TRUSLOW, Secretary		

Naval Branch

Organized March 1, 1899, under the Naval Young Men's Christian Association

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

_____, Chairman

D. W. McWILLIAMS, Treasurer

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	EDWARD P. LYON	
	W. L. TISDALE, Secretary	

Camp Waccabuc

Organized August 1893

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

CORNELIUS S. LODER, Chairman

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	FREDERICK BRUCKHAUER	



A View of Camp Waccabuc



Game Room Brooklyn Rapid Transit Branch

STATEMENT OF ENDOWMENT FUND, SEPTEMBER 30, 1903

Bonds and Mortgages	\$159,000 00	Endowment Fund	\$152,411 55
Real Estate	1,837 96	A. S. Barnes, Memorial Library . . .	\$1,000 00
St. L. I. M. & S. Ry., 5 per cent. Bonds	5,250 00	Moses Bulkley	2,000 00
Temporary Loan	\$2,500 00	George Foster Peabody	3,203 17
Cash on hand	2,977 50	Pratt Institute	1,000 00
		J. C. Dickey	1,000 00
		Mary Callahan	1,450 74
		Henry G. Fay	9,500 00
			19,153 91
	<u>\$171,565 46</u>		<u>\$171,565 46</u>

Examined and found correct.

C. D. Wood + Finance Committee.
E. P. LYON +

D. W. McWILLIAMS

Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

STATEMENT OF INCOME ACCOUNT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1903

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
Interest on Investments	\$8,132 24	Paid to Aid in Prosecuting Work :	
Rentals	8,192 50	To the Board of Directors	\$8,071 74
		" Central Branch	8,192 50
		To Rental Safe Deposit	16,264 24
		Engrossing Resolutions	55 00
			5 50
	<u>\$16,324 74</u>		<u>\$16,324 74</u>

Examined and found correct.

C. D. Wood + Finance Committee.
E. P. LYON +

D. W. McWILLIAMS

Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

GIFT OF \$20,000 BY B. H. HOWELL, MARCH 14, 1899

D. W. MCWILLIAMS
Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

LEGACY OF \$2,500 FROM B. H. HOWELL, APRIL, 1901

D. W. MCWILLIAMS
Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

EASTERN DISTRICT BUILDING FUND

JUNE 12, 1902, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1903

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
By Donations	\$36,589 18	To account Building Site	\$31,500 00
		Title search, survey, taxes, &c.	306 71
		Architect's fees	1,750 00
		Sundry expenses of canvass	1,132 39
		Balance on deposit with Nassau Trust Co.	1,900 58
	<u>\$36,589 18</u>		<u>\$36,589 18</u>
September 30, 1903. By Balance on deposit with Nassau Trust Co.	\$1,900 08		

Examined and found correct.

C. D. WOOD } Finance Committee.
E. P. LYON }

D. W. McWILLIAMS

Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

BEQUEST OF JAMES R. TAYLOR

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
May 22. By Bequest	\$5,000 00	1923 Mar. 31. To transfer to Eastern District Building Fund Account	\$5,000 00
Examined and found correct. C. D. WOOD } Finance Committee. E. P. LYON }			

D. W. McWILLIAMS

Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

THE FRANK S. JONES' FUND TOWARDS THE ERECTION OF A BUILDING FOR THE BEDFORD BRANCH

GIFT OF \$20,000 BY FRANK S. JONES, FEBRUARY 4, 1901

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
1902		1903	
Oct. 1.	By Balance	\$21,900 00	May 1. To Brokers' Commission on Sale of Bonds \$13 07
Mar. 4.	Interest on Bonds	475 00	Balance 22,361 93
		<u>\$22,375 00</u>	<u>\$22,375 00</u>

By Balance transferred to Bedford Branch Building Fund, May 1, 1903 \$22,361 93

Examined and found correct.
C. D. WOOD, Finance Committee.
E. P. LYON

D. W. MCWILLIAMS
Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

BEDFORD BRANCH BUILDING FUND, SEPTEMBER 30, 1903

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
By Frank S. Jones' Fund	\$22,361 93	To purchase of property for building site	\$21,300 00
Other Donations and Rentals	10,698 65	Sundry expenses of canvass	1,302 54
		Balance on deposit	10,458 04
	<u>\$33,060 58</u>		<u>\$33,060 58</u>

Sept. 30, 1903. By balance on deposit with Brooklyn Trust Co. \$10,458 04

Examined and found correct.
C. D. WOOD, Finance Committee.
E. P. LYON

D. W. MCWILLIAMS
Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

JUBILEE BUILDING FUND*

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
1903		1903	
Feb. 6.	Gift of John D. Rockefeller	Feb. 27.	Account Bedford Branch Building Site . . .
Sept. 30.	Other Donations	Mar. 30.	" Eastern District Building Site . . .
May 29.	Interest on deposit to May 1	May 27.	Prospect Park Branch Mortgages . . .
			Balance on deposit
			<u>\$106,436 00</u>
Sept. 30, 1903.	By balance on deposit with Brooklyn Trust Co.		
			<u>\$77,436 00</u>

Examined and found correct.

C. D. Wood,
E. P. Lyon,
Finance Committee.

D. W. McWILLIAMS

Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

Exclusive of amounts secured by Branches.



Mechanical Drawing Class



Reading and Game Room Fort Totten Army Branch

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND BRANCHES

EXPENSES

ACCOUNT.	Board.	Central.	Eastern District.	Bedford.	Prospect Park.	26th Ward.	Long Island R. R.
Finance							
Committees	\$9,088 78	\$12,038 96	\$2,693 24	\$5,771 78	\$5,102 86	\$1,874 89	\$2,629 67
Rooms and Building							
Committees		11,328 85	2,331 81	2,212 95	2,661 82	1,756 67	1,139 46
Physical Department							
Committees		4,841 71	1,362 08	1,270 43	1,250 74	768 44	
Educational							
Committees		3,867 09	248 50	671 81	521 84	475 88	8 00
Religious Work							
Committees		3,386 01	33 34	293 97	206 06	130 39	7 80
Library and Reading							
Room Committees	2,181 00	345 43	114 41	123 34	125 16	65 05	202 20
Entertainment							
Committees		1,334 42	129 34	19 38	111 95	276 50	402 90
Boys' Department							
Committees		2,411 77		42 94		5 00	
Total Expenses for							
the year 1902-'03	\$11,269 78	\$39,554 24	\$6,912 72	\$10,406 60	\$9,980 43	\$5,352 82	\$4,390 03
Dr. Balance 1901-'02							
brought forward	10,478 03	3,076 64		2,374 19	4,008 38	2,038 40	
Total to September 30,							
1903	\$21,747 81	\$42,630 88	\$6,912 72	\$12,780 79	\$13,988 81	\$7,391 22	\$4,390 03

¹ The items of the Finance Committees are salaries (principally of Secretaries), interest, State and International Committees, supplies, postage, prospectuses and advertising, and petty cash; of the Rooms and Building Committees, salaries of janitors, light, fuel, supplies, repairs and improvements; of the Physical Department Committees, salaries of physical directors and supplies; of the Educational Department Committees, salaries of instructors and supplies; of the Religious Work Committees, supplies, advertising, speakers and singers, Bible Study Department of the Library and Reading Room Committees, literature and supplies; of the Entertainment Committees, entertainments and receptions; of the Boys' Department Committees, literature and supplies.

² Exclusive of \$12,058 paid to Branches, and included in their accounts.

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, OCTOBER 1, 1902, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1903

EXPENSES

ACCOUNT.	Brooklyn Rapid Transit 3 months.	Ft. Hamilton Army.	Ft. Totten Army.	Carlton Avenue.	Greenpoint.	Camp Waccabuc	Total Expenses.
Finance							
Committees	\$977 98	\$807 37	\$924 57	\$930 58	\$1,750 89	\$2,954 07	\$47,545 64
Rooms and Building							
Committees		433 67	40 28	891 43	770 53		23,567 47
Physical Department							
Committees	7 82				557 53		10,058 75
Educational							
Committees	10 50			10 00			5,813 62
Religious Work							
Committees		8 85	23 80		16 15		4,106 37
Library and Reading							
Room Committees				1 50	96 86		3,254 95
Entertainment							
Committees	36 16				203 19		2,513 84
Boys' Department							
Committees							2 459 71
Total Expenses for the year 1902-'03 .	\$1,032 46	\$1,249 89	\$988 65	\$1,833 51	\$3,395 15	\$2,954 07	\$99 320 35
Dr. Balance 1901 '02 brought forward .			187 38			258 49	22,421 51
Total to September 30, 1903	\$1,032 46	\$1,249 89	\$1,176 03	\$1,833 51	\$3,395 15	\$3,212 56	\$121,741 86

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND BRANCHES

RECEIPTS

ACCOUNT.	Board.	Central.	Eastern District.	Bedford.	Prospect Park.	26th Ward.	Long Island RR.
Membership Fees		\$21,917 80	\$1,845 94	\$4,575 30	\$4,527 02	\$1,907 15	\$1,202 50
Rentals		8,192 50				460 00	
Endowment Fund	\$8,071 74						
Board of Directors		5,000 00	1,000 00	1,350 00	1,800 00	2,450 00	
Donations	19,206 00	5,746 94	4,076 00	5,929 55	26,753 10	2,614 00	31,921 90
Miscellaneous		1,708 75					4832 21
Total Receipts for the year	\$17,277 74	\$42,565 99	\$6,921 94	\$11,854 85	\$13,080 12	\$7,431 15	3,956 61
Cr. Balance 1901-'02 brought forward			28				754 52
Total Receipts to September 30, 1902	\$17,277 74	\$42,565 99	\$6,922 22	\$11,854 85	\$13,080 12	\$7,431 15	\$4,711 13
Total Expenses as per contra	21,747 81	42,630 88	6,912 72	12,780 79	13,988 81	7,391 22	4,390 03
Total Dr. or Cr. Balance, Sept. 30, 1903	[Dr. \$4,470 07]	[Dr. \$64 89]	[Cr. \$9 50]	[Dr. \$925 94]	[Dr. 908 69]	[Cr. \$39 93]	[Cr. \$321 10]
Outstanding subscriptions and other assets	1,500 00	745 00		1,387 30	1,010 00	101 00	
Net Dr. or Cr. Balance September 30, 1903	[Dr. \$2,970 07]	[Cr. \$680 11]	[Cr. \$9 50]	[Cr. \$461 36]	[Cr. \$101 31]	[Cr. \$140 93]	[Cr. \$321 10]

¹ Exclusive of \$12,058 as against appropriations to Branches. See contra.² Exclusive of \$11,700 received and paid on account of mortgages.³ Including appropriations of Railroad Company.⁴ Including profits of lunch room and monthly paper.

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, OCTOBER 1, 1902, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1903

RECEIPTS

ACCOUNT.	Brooklyn Rapid Transit 3 months	Ft. Hamilton Army.	Ft. Totten Army.	Carlton Avenue.	Greenpoint.	Camp Waccabuc	Total Receipts.
Membership Fees . . .	\$261 50	\$11 00	\$27 70	\$399 00	\$1,053 00		\$37,727 91
Rentals				221 00			8,873 50
Endowment Fund							8,071 74
Board of Directors		458 00					12,058 00
Donations	3,450 00	774 92	1,092 08	308 60	1,922 00		40,795 09
Miscellaneous	441 25			496 03		2,565 28	6,043 52
Total Receipts for the year	\$1,152 75	1,243 92	\$1,119 78	\$1,424 63	\$2,975 00	\$2,565 28	\$113,569 76
Cr. Balance 1901-'02 as per last report				492 50	54 09		1,301 39
Total Receipts to September 30, 1902	\$1,152 75	\$1,243 92	\$1,119 78	\$1,917 13	\$3,029 09	\$2,565 28	\$114,871 15
Total Expenses as per contra	1,032 46	1,249 89	1,176 03	1,833 51	3,395 15	3,212 56	121,741 86
Total Dr. or Cr. Bal- ance, Sept. 30, 1903	{Cr. \$120 29	{Dr. \$5 97	{Dr. \$56 25	{Cr. 83 62	{Dr. \$366 06	{Dr. \$647 28	{Dr. \$6,870 71
Outstanding subscrip- tions and other assets		5 97	17 00		258 00	647 28	5,671 55
Net Dr. or Cr. Balance September 30, 1903	{Cr. \$120 29		{Dr. \$39 25	{Cr. \$83 62	{Dr. \$108 06		{Dr. \$1,199 16



Members in the Gymnasium



Reading Room Brooklyn Rapid Transit Branch



Boys' Gymnasium Class



A Temperance Bar



A Swimming Pool



Bible Class Supper

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1903

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FIFTY YEARS IN BROOKLYN

BRANCH.	SOCIAL.			PHYSICAL.			EDUCATIONAL.			RELIGIOUS.								
	Average Attendance.	New Year's Day Reception.	Average Attendance other Receptions and Societies.	Daily Gymnasium Attendance.	Average Attendance at Classes.	Daily Attendance at Reading Room.	Papers and Periodicals on File.	Vols. in Library.	Books Used.	Average Attendance Literary Society.	No. of Classes.	Different Students.	Percentage of Attendance.	Average Attendance at Weekly Meeting.	Average Attendance at other Meetings.	No. of Bible Classes.	Different Students Men and Boys.	Percentage of Attendance.
Central	1,054 (10)	2,000	279 (20)	335	140	141	260	16,715	28,238	35	28	701	89	412	40	15	229	73
Eastern District	200 (10)	300	60 (23)	42	32	75	40	300	150	. .	2	31	86	58	. .	2	128	72
Bedford	429 (10)	360	90 (35)	48	31	75	45	1,584	1,400	15	7	113	76	33	. .	10	181	71
Prospect Park	400 (10)	2,000	231 (1)	56	44	80	57	617	. .	26	6	79	73	42	. .	4	51	76
Twenty-sixth Ward	320 (4)	. .	97 (30)	29	28	20	35	200	275	33	5	92	85	71	. .	1	63	71
Long Island Railroad	81 (6)	290 (Xmas)	305	. .	. .	100	60	600	954	. .	. .	. .	. .	25	. .	1	17	50
Long Island R. R. (Jamaica) (four months)	. .	. .	12	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
Brooklyn Rapid Transit (three months)	. .	. .	. .	20	. .	40	20	1,000	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
Fort Hamilton Army . . . . .	. .	. .	110 (2)	. .	. .	50	42	413	928	40	. .	. .	. .	25	. .	1	8	50
Fort Totten Army . . . . .	. .	. .	23	. .	. .	77	40	300	1,729	. .	2	20	40	. .	134	1	12	62
Carlton Avenue	79	. .	62	. .	. .	16	31	175	. .	36	5	8	76	45	. .	1	91	56
Greenpoint	192 (15)	200	102	23	16	25	40	1,030	161	. .	. .	. .	. .	44	6	2	33	60
Totals	2,755 (57)	5,150	1,371 (124)	553	291	699	670	22,934	33,835	185	55	1044	75	755	180	38	813	64
(Brooklyn Association)																		
Naval . . . . .	. .	. .	123 (44)	. .	. .	203	41	1,700	520	. .	. .	. .	. .	38	12	1	112	19
(International Committee)																		
Totals	2,755 (57)	5,150	1,494 (128)	553	291	902	711	24,634	34,355	185	55	1044	75	793	192	39	925	42

MEMBERSHIP		MISCELLANEOUS							BOYS' DEPARTMENT					
BRANCH		Senior	Junior	Situations Filled	Beds Occupied Daily	Meals Served Daily	Letters Written	Camp and Vacation Resort	Daily Visits to Buildings	Average Attendance Socials	Daily Gymnasium Attendance	Average Attendance Weekly Meetings	Different Students in Bible Classes	Percentage of Attendance
Central		2,269	285	893				161	1,500	60	28	70	69	57
Eastern District		210		12				7	100					
Bedford		484	166	13				36	150	29	60	31	62	68
Prospect Park		429	111	34				76	160	100	48		16	77
Twenty-sixth Ward		351	59					46	83		23			
Long Island Railroad		463			14	250	4,885		432					
Long Island Railroad (Jamaica) (four months)		80				30	133		42					
Brooklyn Rapid Transit (three months)		230							225					
Fort Hamilton Army		8					5,980		149					
Fort Totten Army							8,536		75					
Carlton Avenue		195		44	4				42					
Greenpoint		196	44	32					50	20	12	5	15	56
Totals (Brooklyn Association)		4,915	665	1,028	18	280	19,534	326	3,008	209	171	106	162	65
Naval (International Committee)		776*	Not localized		131	242	32,171		406					
Totals			5,580 (Exclusive of Naval)	1,028	149	522	51,705	326	3,414	209	171	106	162	65

Donations to Brooklyn Young Men's Christian Association

FOR YEAR OCTOBER 1, 1902, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1903.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

One at \$1,000 00 . . \$1,000 00	Five at \$20 00 . . \$100 00
One " 200 00 . . 200 00	Four " 15 00 . . 60 00
One " 150 00 . . 150 00	Fifty-seven . . " 10 00 . . 570 00
One hundred	Forty-nine . . " 5 00 . . 245 00
sixty-eight . . " 100 00 . . 16,800	One " 2 00 . . 2 00
One " 75 00 . . 75 00	Two " 1 00 . . 2 00
One " 60 00 . . 60 00	
Seventeen . . " 50 00 . . 850 00	Three hundred fifty-four . . \$21,264 00
Forty-six . . " 25 00 . . 1,150 00	

CENTRAL BRANCH

One at \$1,000 00 . . \$1,000 00	One at \$25 02 . . \$25 02
One " 500 00 . . 500 00	Twenty-three . . " 25 00 . . 575 00
One " 209 54 . . 209 54	Three " 20 00 . . 60 00
One " 200 00 . . 200 00	Six " 15 00 . . 90 00
One " 193 14 . . 193 14	One " 12 00 . . 12 00
One " 150 00 . . 150 00	Twenty-one . . " 10 00 . . 210 00
Seventeen . . " 100 00 . . 1,700 00	Twenty-nine . . " 5 00 . . 145 00
One " 75 00 . . 75 00	Two " 3 00 . . 6 00
One " 52 88 . . 52 88	Two " 2 00 . . 4 00
Nine " 50 00 . . 450 00	Four " 1 00 . . 4 00
One " 30 21 . . 30 21	One hundred twenty-nine . . \$5,746 94
One " 30 00 . . 30 00	
One " 25 15 . . 25 15	

EASTERN DISTRICT BRANCH

One at \$650 00 . . \$650 00	Three at \$20 00 . . \$60 00
One " 500 00 . . 500 00	Four " 15 00 . . 60 00
One " 250 00 . . 250 00	Twenty-one . . " 10 00 . . 210 00
One " 200 00 . . 200 00	Thirteen . . " 5 00 . . 65 00
One " 125 00 . . 125 00	Two " 2 00 . . 4 00
Nine " 100 00 . . 900 00	Two " 1 00 . . 2 00
Ten " 50 00 . . 500 00	
Twenty-two . . " 25 00 . . 550 00	Ninety-one \$4,076 00

BEDFORD BRANCH

One at \$1,000 00 . . \$1,000 00	Two at \$2 50 . . \$5 00
One " 177 34 . . 177 34	One hundred
Six " 100 00 . . 600 00	nineteen . . " 2 00 . . 238 00
Two " 75 00 . . 150 00	One " 1 50 . . 1 50
One " 65 00 . . 65 00	One hundred
Twenty-six . . " 50 00 . . 1,300 00	eighty-six . . " 1 00 . . 186 00
One " 30 00 . . 30 00	Nine " 50 . . 4 50
Twenty-eight . . " 25 00 . . 700 00	One " 30 . . 30
Four " 20 00 . . 80 00	One " 26 . . 26
Four " 15 00 . . 60 00	Nine " 25 . . 2 25
Sixty-three . . " 10 00 . . 630 00	One " 20 . . 20
One hundred	Two " 10 . . 20
twenty-eight . . " 5 00 . . 640 00	
Two " 4 00 . . 8 00	Six hundred fifteen \$5,929 55
Seventeen . . " 3 00 . . 51 00	

PROSPECT PARK BRANCH

One	at \$8,000 00 . .	\$8,000 00	Two	at \$20 00 . .	40 00
One	" 2,000 00 . .	2,000 00	Four	" 15 00 . .	\$60 00
Three	" 1,000 00 . .	3,000 00	One	" 11 00 . .	11 00
Two	" 500 00 . .	1,000 00	Nineteen	" 10 00 . .	190 00
Five	" 250 00 . .	1,250 00	One	" 8 00 . .	8 00
One	" 208 38 . .	208 38	One	" 7 00 . .	7 00
One	" 204 85 . .	204 85	One	" 5 50 . .	5 50
One	" 200 00 . .	200 00	Fourteen	" 5 00 . .	70 00
One	" 150 00 . .	150 00	One	" 4 00 . .	4 00
Three	" 125 00 . .	375 00	One	" 3 00 . .	3 00
One	" 111 12 . .	111 12	One	" 2 25 . .	2 25
One	" 102 00 . .	102 00	Eleven	" 2 00 . .	22 00
Six	" 100 00 . .	600 00	One	" 1 50 . .	1 50
One	" 70 00 . .	70 00	Twenty-nine	" 1 00 . .	29 00
Three	" 50 00 . .	150 00	Seven	" 50 . .	3 50
Twenty-three	" 25 00 . .	575 00	One hundred forty-eight		\$18,453 10

TWENTY-SIXTH WARD BRANCH

One	at \$250 00 . .	\$250 00	Five	at \$25 00 . .	\$125 00
One	" 200 00 . .	200 00	Three	" 20 00 . .	60 00
Five	" 100 00 . .	500 00	Two	" 15 00 . .	30 00
One	" 65 00 . .	65 00	Two	" 12 00 . .	24 00
One	" 60 00 . .	60 00	Sixty	" 10 00 . .	600 00
Six	" 50 00 . .	300 00	Fifty-four	" 5 00 . .	270 00
One	" 45 00 . .	45 00	One	" 3 00 . .	3 00
One	" 30 00 . .	30 00	One hundred forty-six		\$2,614 00
Two	" 26 00 . .	52 00			

CARLTON AVENUE BRANCH

One	at \$100 00 . .	\$100 00	Three	at \$3 00 . .	9 00
One	" 25 00 . .	25 00	Ten	" 2 00 . .	\$20 00
Eight	" 10 00 . .	80 00	Nineteen	" 1 00 . .	19 00
One	" 6 00 . .	6 00	One	" 50 . .	50
Nine	" 5 00 . .	45 00	One	" 10 . .	10
One	" 4 00 . .	4 00	Fifty-five		\$308 60

FORT HAMILTON ARMY BRANCH

Four	at \$50 00 . .	\$200 00	One	at \$9 29 . .	9 29
One	" 31 35 . .	31 35	One	" 7 00 . .	\$7 00
One	" 28 64 . .	28 64	Seventeen	" 5 00 . .	85 00
Eleven	" 25 00 . .	275 00	Two	" 3 00 . .	6 00
One	" 24 64 . .	24 64	Eight	" 2 00 . .	16 00
Two	" 15 00 . .	30 00	Two	" 1 00 . .	2 00
Six	" 10 00 . .	60 00	Fifty-seven		\$774 92

FORT TOTTEN ARMY BRANCH

Two	at \$100 00 . .	\$200 00	One	at \$10 08 . .	10 08
Three	" 50 00 . .	150 00	Nine	" 10 00 . .	\$90 00
One	" 38 50 . .	38 50	Seventeen	" 5 00 . .	85 00
One	" 28 00 . .	28 00	Six	" 2 00 . .	12 00
Fourteen	" 25 00 . .	350 00	Three	" 1 00 . .	3 00
Four	" 20 00 . .	80 00	One	" 50 . .	50
Three	" 15 00 . .	45 00	Sixty-five		\$1,092 08

GREENPOINT BRANCH

One	at \$250 00 . .	\$250 00	One	at \$7 00 . .	7 00
One	" 60 00 . .	60 00	Thirteen	" 5 00 . .	\$65 00
Ten	" 50 00 . .	500 00	One	" 4 00 . .	4 00
Twenty-six	" 25 00 . .	650 00	Two	" 3 00 . .	6 00
Eight	" 20 00 . .	160 00	One	" 2 00 . .	2 00
Two	" 15 00 . .	30 00	Eight	" 1 00 . .	8 00
Eighteen	" 10 00 . .	180 00	Ninety-two		\$1,922 00

JUBILEE CELEBRATION

OF THE BROOKLYN YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS
FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Saturday, Sunday and Monday, November 21, 22 and 23
Nineteen Hundred and Three

FUNCTIONS

Saturday Evening, November 21

MEMBERS' BANQUET

Gymnasium Central Branch.—Addresses by Hon. Henry B. F. Macfarland, President of Board of Commissioners of District of Columbia; President George E. Reed, D.D., of Dickinson College; Mr. Walter C. Douglas, of Philadelphia; and Messrs. Daniel W. McWilliams and Charles E. Teale, of Brooklyn. Mr. Edward P. Lyon, President of the Association, presiding.

Sunday Evening, November 22

JUBILEE CELEBRATION FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Academy of Music, 8 o'clock.—Hon. SETH Low, Mayor of the City, presiding. Addresses by R. Fulton Cutting, Esq., Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler, D.D., President M. W. Stryker, D.D., of Hamilton College, and Bishop Edward G. Andrews, D.D. Music by the full choir and orchestra of the Baptist Temple, under the direction of Prof. Edward M. Bowman.

OVERFLOW MEETING

Church of Pilgrims, 8 o'clock.—Rev. H. P. Dewey, D.D., presiding. Addresses by Rev. Josiah Strong, D.D.; President George E. Reed, D.D., of Dickinson College; and Mr. Walter C. Douglas, of Philadelphia. Music by the Church Choir.

Monday Evening, November 23

DINNER FOR OFFICERS

Union League Club, 6 o'clock.—Dinner for Boards of Trustees and Directors and Committees of Management. Addresses by Ex-Governor O. Vincent Coffin, of Connecticut; Hon. Henry B. F. Macfarland, of Washington, D.C.; Rev. Lyman Abbott, D.D.; Hon. St. Clair McKelway, and D. Willis James, Esq., of New York. Mr. Frederic B. Pratt, First Vice-President of the Association, presiding.

Sunday Afternoon, November 22

BRANCH MEETINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE CITY

Under Auspices of Central Branch

Orpheum Theatre, 3:30 o'clock.—Meeting for men. Address by President George E. Reed, D.D., of Dickinson College. Special music.

Under Auspices of Eastern District Branch

St. John's M.E. Church, 4 o'clock.—Meeting for men and women. Address by President M. W. Stryker, D.D., of Hamilton College. Music by Eastern District Branch Orchestra.

Under Auspices of Bedford Branch

Central Presbyterian Church, 4 o'clock.—Meeting for men and women. Addresses by Rev. S. Parkes Cadman, D.D., Pastor Central Congregational Church, and Mr. Walter C. Douglas, of Philadelphia. Music by Park Sisters and Lotus Glee Club.

Under Auspices of Prospect Park Branch

Branch Gymnasium, 4 o'clock.—Meeting for men and women. Addresses by Rev. Josiah Strong, D.D., and Rev. S. Gifford Nelson. Hon. David A. Boody, presiding. Music by First Reformed Church Choir.

Under Auspices of 20th Ward Branch

Congress Hall, 4 o'clock.—Meeting for men. Address by William Blaikie, Esq., on "How to Get Strong." Music by Concordia Singing Society and Phylliric Orchestra.

Under Auspices of Greenpoint Branch

Tabernacle M. E. Church, 4 o'clock.—Meeting for men and women. Addresses by Mr. E. W. Booth, of New York, and Mr. F. W. Pearsall, Industrial Secretary New York State Committee. Mr. William McCarroll, President Manufacturers' Association, presiding. Music by the Tabernacle M. E. Church Choir.

Under Auspices of Carlton Avenue Branch

Bridge Street A. M. E. Church, 4 o'clock.—Meeting for men and women. Address by Rev. H. P. Dewey, D.D., Pastor Church of Pilgrims. Music by Bridge Street Church Choir and Branch Orchestra.

APPENDIX

Chronology of the Association, 1853-1903

- 1853, June 9, First meeting for considering organization.
- 1853, June 30, Constitution adopted.
- 1853, Sept. 15, Officers elected.
- 1853, Sept. 19, First meeting of Board of Managers.
- 1853, Oct. 25, First public meeting held.
- 1853, Dec. 10, Incorporation of Association.
- 1853, Dec. 20, Opening of first rooms, Washington Building.
- 1856, May 1, Library circulation commenced.
- 1856, June 25, Identified with Confederation of Young Men's Christian Associations.
- 1859, April 28, Opening of rooms in Brooklyn Institute Building.
- 1862, Army and Navy Committee appointed.
- 1865, Sept. 7, Opening of rooms southeast cor. of Fulton Street and Gallatin Place.
- 1866, Beginning of many phases of modern Association work.
- 1857, Jan. 1, First General Secretary commenced work.
- 1869, May 8, First Special Act of Incorporation.
- 1870, Nov. 29, First meeting of Board of Trustees.
- 1872, Sept. 1, Opening of rooms southwest corner Fulton Street and Gallatin Place.
- 1878, Six hundred sustaining members at \$10 each secured.
- 1883, Sept, First gymnasium opened under instructor.
- 1881, Mch. Offer of \$20,000 from Frederick Marquand.
- 1883, Mch. 21, Offer of building from legatees of Marquand Estate.
- 1884, May 2, Ground broken for building 502 Fulton Street.
- 1884, Oct. 11, Laying of corner stone building 502 Fulton Street.
- 1884, Dec. 27, Endowment Fund subscribed.
- 1885, May 1, Opening temporary rooms, 517 Fulton Street.
- 1885, Sept. 29, Opening reception building, 502 Fulton Street.
- 1889, Oct. 21, Eastern District Branch building opened.
- 1889, Century Guarantee Committee organized.
- 1893, Oct. 1, Bedford Branch organized.
- 1891, Oct. 1, Prospect Park Branch organized.
- 1893, Nov. 5, Twenty-sixth Ward Branch organized.
- 1894, May 26, Long Island Railroad Branch organized.
- 1894, June, Summer headquarters opened.
- 1896, Feb. 11, Revised Constitution effecting metropolitan organization.
- 1896, Mch. 9, Central Branch organized.
- 1899, Mch. 14, B. H. Howell gift of \$20,000 for Eastern District Branch Bldg. Fund.
- 1899, Gymnasium Prospect Park Branch erected.
- 1900, Feb. 1, Fort Hamilton Branch organized.
- 1900, April 1, Single Treasury organized.
- 1901, Feb. 4, Frank S. Jones' gift of \$20,000 to Bedford Branch Building Fund.
- 1902, Mch. 10, Fort Totten Army Branch organized.
- 1902, Mch. 25, Jubilee Building Fund inaugurated.
- 1902, April 25, Gift of George Foster Peabody for Colored Men's Branch.
- 1902, May 15, Colored Men's Branch organized.
- 1902, June, Camp Waccabuc adopted.
- 1903, Feb. 6, John D. Rockefeller gift of \$100,000 for Jubilee Fund.
- 1903, Feb. 1, Long Island Railroad Branch commences work at Jamaica.
- 1903, April 1, Greenpoint Association adopted as Branch.
- 1903, July 7, Brooklyn Rapid Transit Railroad Men's Branch organized.

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1878.	Mrs. Deborah W. Mason, bequest	\$2,000 00
1878.	Others	926 20
1878.	Mrs. Theodore Polhemus, Memorial Library, 2,000 vols., estimated value	2,000 00
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1885.	George I. Seney, 2,000 vols., estimated value	2,000 00
1885.	Frederick Marquand Estate, by Mrs. Virginia Marquand Monroe, Alanson Trask and Daniel McWilliams, residuary legatees, for property at 502 Fulton Street	300,000 00
1885.	The citizens of Brooklyn, Endowment Fund	151,461 55
1889.	A. S. Barnes Memorial in Library	1,000 00
1891.	George Foster Peabody, Library Endowment	3,203 17
1892.	John Ruszits, bequest	5,000 00
1893.	Moses Bulkley, Guarantee Memorial	2,000 00
1896.	Alanson Trask, for bowling alleys Central Branch	1,000 00
1896.	Pratt Institute, Library Endowment	1,000 00
1897.	Dorothy Stryker, bequest for Prospect Park Branch	321 46
1897.	Henry G. Fay, for baths in Central Branch gymnasium	1,000 00
1898.	Jesse C. Dickey, bequest	1,000 00
1898.	Williamson Rapalje, bequest for 26th Ward Branch	5,000 00
1900.	Samuel Bowne Duryea, bequest	4,350 65
1900.	Charlotte S. Buck, by courtesy of heirs of Mrs. Buck, in releasing bequest from the technicalities of the law	5,000 00
1900.	In memory of George H. Nichols	1,000 00
1900.	B. H. Howell, Eastern District Branch Building	20,000 00
1900.	B. H. Howell, bequest Eastern District Branch Endowment	2,500 00
1900.	Stephen Ballard, equity in two houses	1,123 90
1901.	James R. Taylor, bequest	5,000 00
1901.	Henry G. Fay, bequest	10,000 00
1901.	Mrs. Mary Callahan, bequest	1,450 74
1901.	Frank S. Jones, Bedford Branch Building Fund	20,000 00
1902.	Gilbert S. Thatford, bequest for Twenty-sixth Ward Branch	1,000 00
1902.	George Foster Peabody, for Colored Men's Branch	7,500 00
1903.	Anna V. Lott, bequest	5,000 00
1903.	George W. Place, bequest for Eastern District Branch	500 00
1903.	John D. Rockefeller, Jubilee Building Fund	100,000 00
1903.	In addition to the above, the Association was remembered by legacies, payable on the termination of life estates, in the wills of Frederic A. Ward and Charles S. Baylis, the amounts of such legacies being respectively \$2,000 and \$10,000, and by a conditional residuary legacy in the will of Henry K. Sheldon, amount unknown.	

* It is the policy of the Association to apply legacies and special contributions to its permanent investments. Bequests and special contributions are solicited for the extension and enlargement of the work in any department, social, physical, intellectual and religious. Bequests should be made in the following form: "I give and bequeath to the Brooklyn Young Men's Christian Association the sum of \$, and the receipt of the Treasurer shall be sufficient discharge to my executors for the same."

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